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United States National Organic Program Update

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National Organic Program
(NOP)

Standards
Development and
Review Branch

Accreditation,
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Program Overview



The National Organic Program (NOP) develops, implements, and administers national production, handling, and labeling standards for organic agricultural products. The NOP also accredits certifying agents (foreign and domestic) who inspect organic production and handling operations to certify that they meet USDA standards.

-  NOP-AQSS (“Access”)
-  NOP Reading Room
-  NOP Newsroom
-  National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

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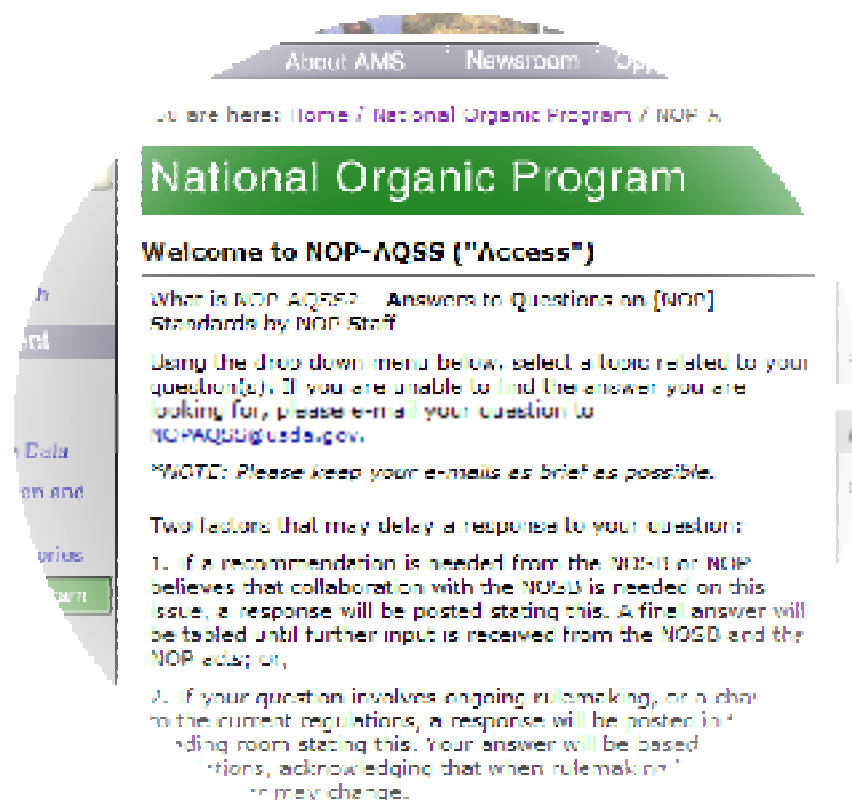
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NOP-AQSS (Access)

Answers to Questions about (NOP) Standards
from (NOP) Staff

Web access to uniform
responses to questions
on program standards
and policy.






Drop down menus
arranged by subject.



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NOP Reading Room





-  Lists of certified operations
-  Appeals decisions
-  Accreditation audit reports
-  Fact sheets
-  Publications



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NOP News Room

-  News Releases and Program Announcements
-  **Federal Register** Notices
-  Court Decisions
-  Additional Announcements

Federal Register

Proposed Rules

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
7 CFR Part 205
[Docket Number AMS-TM-07-14]
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National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)



New Member – Barry Flamm

– Environmentalist



Next Meeting

– May 20-22, 2008

– Baltimore, Maryland





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Accreditation/Recognition

- 55 domestic certifying agents
- 40 foreign certifying agents
- 8 recognition agreements

British Columbia
Denmark
India
Israel







New Zealand
Quebec
Standards Council of Canada
United Kingdom





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Standards Activity

-  Equivalence negotiations with Canada
-  Pasture requirements for ruminants
-  Dairy herd replacement requirements
-  Aquaculture standards development
-  Final Rule 38 materials
-  ANPR for Sunset of 12 materials from National List published March 14, 2008

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Federal Docket Management System

www.regulations.gov

Submit or view public comments





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Training Activity



Cooperative Training Series

- Certifier Training – Louisville, Kentucky
 - In cooperation with ACA and NASOP
- ACA Training – Nuremberg, Germany
 - Sponsored by OTA
- ACA Training – All Things Organic
 - Sponsored by OTA



NOP Auditor Training – Fredericksburg, VA

- 1-week Advanced Auditor Training







On-line Training Resource Development



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Recognition of Materials Reviews

-  To date, certifiers were required to conduct their own reviews of name-brand pesticides and fertilizers.
-  Certifiers may now accept other certifiers reviews of inputs.
-  Competent third-party reviews recognized if accepted by certifiers
-  Certifiers must still approve use.



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