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## **USDA Seeks Nominations for the National Organic Standards Board**

**WASHINGTON**, April 8, 2015– The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations to fill five vacancies on the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

Vacancies for the 15-member organic standards board include: two farmers, two consumer/public interest representatives, and one USDA accredited certifying agent. The positions are specifically designated to represent various sectors of the organic community. Appointees will serve a 5-year term of office beginning January 24, 2016.

The NOSB is an advisory committee of organic community representatives established by the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. The board recommends whether substances should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, assists in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production, and advises the Secretary of Agriculture on other aspects of the organic regulations.

Written nominations, with cover letters, resumes and a required form, must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2015. Nominations can also include endorsements or letters of recommendations. All applicable information should be sent to Rita Meade, USDA–AMS–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2648–S, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information, contact Rita Meade at (202) 720-3252; e-mail: [Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov).

USDA encourages board membership that reflects the diversity of the individuals served by its industry. Diversity includes gender, race, disability, length of service, and size and type of operation.

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