

National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) - Applicant Summary for January 2025 Appointments

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Name	Eth/ Race	Ste	Seat	References	Summary of Candidate's Qualifications:
Felder, Amanda	AI/ AS	CA	Handler (2 seats)	Y (26): Congressional: Sinema (AZ); Van Drew (NJ); Lofgren (CA); Paneta (CA); Newhouse (WA-4); CA Senator Laird (D17). Muscogee Nation Rep Whitecloud; CCOF; CDFA (Karen Ross); QAI; OTA; IFPA; Superior Foods; Direct Roots; SmartWash; Taylor Farms; TF Baja; TF Canada; Trader Joes; True Organics; Western Growers; Cal Poly Grimm Center; Mark King (former NOSB); John Foster (former NOSB); Wilbur Ellis	Professional Experience: Earthbound Farm/Taylor Farms - Organic Integrity Manager (oversees organic integrity and compliance of ^{(b) (4)} + acre farming operation, farm stand/café/garden, brokerage/logistics firm with ^{(b) (4)} storage locations, salad dressing manufacturer, organic processing aid manufacturer, 20 US produce processing facilities, 2 Mexican facilities and 1 Canadian facility). Formerly QFSOI (Quality Assurance and Food Safety Standards and Supply Quality Analyst); Organic Consultant (Wolf & Assoc); Affiliations: OTA member - Task Forces: - Global Supply Chain Organic Integrity Task Force 2017-2019 - Strengthening Organic Enforcement Task Force 2019-2020 - Mexico Trade Task Force 2017-PRESENT California Organic Products Advisory Committee (COPAC) -Vice-Chair (2024 - present), Processor Rep (2021 - present) Education/Training: B.S., Business Admin, CA State University IOIA (Intl Organic Inspectors), COR Processing Inspection Training
Crotser, Michael (Organic Valley served on the Board 2010-15)	W	WI	Handler (2)	Y (13): 2 Congressional/1 State: van Orden (R-WI-3); Baldwin (D-WI); WI Sec Ag Romanski. OTA; CROPP Cooperative; Accredited Certifiers Assoc (ACA); MOSA; Intl Dairy Foods Assoc; Cold Springs Organics; Oregon Tilth; Organically Grown Co.; Joseph Gallo Farms; Welsh Organic Family Farm	Professional Experience: Director of Certification Organic Valley (present) - Manages Organic Valleys Organic System Plan (OSP) for 1700 farms, 90 co-packing facilities for dairy, wheat, meat, eggs, feed and produce; Certification Manager, Organic Valley (2011-2016) Certification Specialist, Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA) (1999-2009; Associate Professor, Crop and Soil Science, University of Wisconsin (2002 - 2009); Crop Management Protocol Researcher, CHS – Cenex Affiliations: OTA - (Member/Working Group Participant); Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA) Supporting Member/Working Group Participant; International Organic Inspector Association Patron Member; Organic Material Review Institute (OMRI) - External Crops Review Panel Education: Ph.D., Crop Science, Minor Plant Physiology, Univ. of Kentucky M.S., Horticulture, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign B.S., Ornamental Horticulture, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Deschenes, Kathryn	W	CO	Handler (2)	Y (2): OTA; John Foster	<p>Professional Experience: 14 years in Food Industry; Danone – Food Scientist/Director Regulatory Affairs; Dairy Farmers of America - Labeling Compliance Manager (2017-2018); Nurture Inc., DBA Happy Family Organics - Regulatory Compliance Manager; Kansas Value Added Foods Lab 2008-2010; 2011-2013; Kellogg Company 2010</p> <p>Affiliations: Organic Trade Association (member); Institute of Food Technologists (member); Institute of Food Technologists, Member</p> <p>Education: M.S. Food Science & Technology. Kansas State University; B.S. Food Science & Technology. Kansas State University</p>
Schulist, Mike	W	WI	Handler	Y (9): Ferguson; Fernholz; Johnson; NOC; OFA; Obrien; Powell-Palm; Stephens (KSU); Walker	<p>Experience: 17 years in organic grain marketing; responsible for the organic certification process and organic inspection of NFO Members, pricing, contracting, logistics, and monitoring the performance. 1986-2014 - Owner/Operator of Riverside Dairy Farm, Custer, WI - (b) (4) acres of livestock, eggs, and crops. Transitioned to organic and increased revenue. 2007-2018 Director of Marketing, Wisconsin Organic Marketing Alliance Camp Douglas, WI. Responsible for day-to-day coordination and delivery of organic grains and hay.</p> <p>Affiliations: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Member; Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council-Organic Business representative; National Farmers' cooperative member</p> <p>Education: Associate degree, Farm Training & Farm Operations</p>
Corbett, Michael	W	IL	Handler	Y: OTA	<p>Professional Experience: Sunrise Foods International Inc., VP Supply Chain – oversees supply chain for organic grain company, domestic and international logistics and compliance. Scoular Company - Trade Manager – import container shipping program</p> <p>Affiliations: Crest Container Lines - Member (shipping brokerage); OTA Grains council – member</p> <p>Education: B.S. in Finance, Indiana University; Supply Chain Certificate, MITx</p>
Hatziyannis, Andrea	W	AZ	Retailer	Y (6): NJ State Senator Gopal; Food Marketing Institute; Campbell's Snacks; Wood Turner (NOSB Member); Reiner (Nourish); Powell-Palm (NOSB Mmbr)	<p>Professional Experience: Sprouts Category Strategy Manager, Sprouts Brand; Food Scientist/Product Developer - Sprouts (2023 - present); Ahold Delhaize US Innovation and Product Development Manager, US Private Brands (Jan 2018 - March 2023); Stonyfield Organics, Danone NA - Product Developer (2011 - 2017); R&D Consultant to restaurant (2010-2011)</p> <p>Affiliations: IFT - International Food Technology Association; WISE – Women Impacting Store Brand Excellence; Pembroke, MA Recycling Committee 2020-2023 (Chair – 2021-2023), (Secretary 2020-2021)</p> <p>Education/Training: M.S., Food Science / Microbiology (Kansas State Univ) B.S., Food Science, UMASS Amherst; Certificate in Strategy (Harvard Online)</p>

Chanka, Anthony	AA	MD	Retailer	Y (3): Congressperson Ivey MD-4; IFPA; Dayko, Sage;	<p>Professional Experience: Giant Foods, Category Manager (produce/floral) (various positions 2006 - present) - responsible for strategizing, regulatory compliance, and sourcing.</p> <p>Affiliations: IFPA Retail Council; Implemented Strengthening Organic Enforcement initiative for Giant Foods;</p> <p>Education: Business Admin, Sacred Heart U, CT; Penn State U; and BA in progress at Maryland Global Campus</p>
Dara, Surendra	AS	OR	Env Prot	No	<p>Professional Experience: Integrated pest management (IPM); microbial control of endemic and invasive pests and diseases; beneficial microbes; Commitment to sustainable agriculture (March 2024 - present); Director, North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) and Professor, Department of Horticulture, (2022-2024), OSU.</p> <p>Affiliations: Past President of the Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section, Entomological Society of America and Chair of the Meetings Committee of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology.</p> <p>Education: BSc(Ag) in Agricultural Sciences, India 1991; MSc(Ag) in Entomology, India 1995; PhD in Entomology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute 2001; Diploma in Applied Information Technology, Information Technology Institute, Calgary, Canada 2007</p>
McCluskey, Cathleen	W	WI	Env Prot	Y (9): OTA; NOC; OFA: OTCO; Organic Seed Alliance; Organically Grown Co; Enza Zaden (Vitalis Organic Seeds); UW-Madison (Dawson); Wolf & Assoc (Foster)	<p>Professional Experience: Organic Seed Alliance - Advocacy & Communications Director, Outreach Director (2019 - 2023), Communications and Outreach Associate (2010 - 2019)</p> <p>Affiliations: NOC; OTA; OFA; National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition; Seeds and Breeds for 21st Century Agriculture; Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society</p> <p>Education / Training: PhD, Environment and Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison; MSc, Agroecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison BA, Agricultural Systems Analysis, The Evergreen State College Wageningen University (Netherlands)</p>
Syberg, Sandy	W	WI	Farmer	Y (4): OTA; OFA; NOC; Organic Valley. (Direct Positive Referral from OTA)	<p>Professional Experience: Farmer- White Oak Farm, LLC – 622 acres certified organic operation for crops & grains. Small direct to consumer grassfed beef operation (not organic) (b) (4) head. 30+ years bulk soils and organics; Manufacturing-Purple Cow Organics bulk ag and retail OMRI listed soil amendments; Farm operations and management including marketing and market development; Co-Founder/President, Purple Cow Organics - Organics conversion services, OMRI listed soil amendments. Bulk ag and retail garden products sold primarily in the US with limited distribution in Canada.</p> <p>Affiliations: Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative 2013- Member GEC (grower executive committee); 22 years Wisconsin School Bus Association Board</p>

					Member/Past President; 6 years Board Member and Co-Chair Michael Fields Agricultural Institute; Wisconsin DNR Advisory committee on organics Education: High School Diploma
Pierce, Corie	W	VT	Farmer	Y (4): VT Agency of Ag; VT Organic Farmers (Dehne); NOC; OFA	Professional Experience: Bread & Butter Farm, LLC - owner and operator - organic, regenerative, community farm, and food hub. (b) (4) acres of organic vegetable/herb crop in VT and NH. Farm is mostly pasture for grazing, and includes cattle, pigs, and turkeys (not organic), and hosts UVM Farmer Training Program. 27 years farming (own 15 years, others 12 years). Taught organic farming for 8 years at Michigan State U and Sterling College; Teaches at U of VT. NOFA- VT; Rural Vermont; Farm Mgr/Director Farmer Training Program Michigan State University (2005-2009). Managed 10-acre certified farm, 100 member year-round CSA; Co-founder/Board member of Agrihood Collective - innovative farming model non-profit (VT) to develop farm worker housing community, food hub, and shared infrastructure. Affiliations: Vermont Grass Farmers Association. Founder of New Perennials Project of the Land Institute Education: BA Middlebury College; Certificate in Agroecology Organic Farm Program – UC Santa Cruz
Miller, Justin	HL/ W	CA	Farmer	Y (1): CCOF	Professional Experience: Managing Partner/CFO Twin Peaks Orchard - 95 acres – seeds, vegetable row crops, fruits, 100% organic in 2023; Sells products locally and regionally to grocery stores, distributors, food hubs, school districts, and at regional farmers markets. Run on-site farm stand and processing facility where they produce jams, baked goods, and dried fruit. 1994-2008 Saputo Cheese and G&G Specialty Foods - Plant Manager. Affiliations: Chair, CDFA Small Scale Producers Advisory Committee; CCOF Board of Directors; President, Sebastopol Farmers Market; VP, Placer Grown Education: None listed
Lausecker, Sandra	W	OH	Farmer	Y (9): Congress: Sherrod Brown OH; Kaptur OH-9; Landsman OH-01; Oh Dept Ag (Baldrige, Summers); Global Organic Alliance; David Will; Ohio Poultry Assoc; United Egg Prod	Professional Experience: Chief Executive Officer, Nature Pure LLC (DBA Outward Farms; certified as “Ohio natural eggs”), a (b) (4)-acre farm with (b) (4) organic “cage-free” laying hens and an egg processing facility. Manages regulatory and food safety compliance, sales, marketing, and distribution. Founded second layer site - Outward Farms, a (b) (4)-acre organic poultry farm with (b) (4) laying hens. Affiliations: Ohio Poultry Assoc; United Egg Producers; American Egg Board. Education: B.A. International Business and BA Marketing.
Checketts, Neil	W	UT	Handler	Y: Organic Produce Assoc (OPA); Congressperson Lee (UT); Congressperson Moore (UT-1); CEA Alliance	Experience: Mastronardi Produce- 4 years - VP Food Safety and Quality Responsible for compliance and oversight of our organic program for crops from greenhouse growers from United States, Canada and Mexico. True World Food/Shining Ocean - 18 months -VP Food Safety and Interim President Shining Ocean (seafood) 2025-AMS-00068-F 004

					<p>Kneaders Bakery and Cafe - 3 years- COO and VP Food Safety Sobey's - 4 years - VP Food Safety and Quality Walmart Stores - 6 years - Sr. Director Foods Safety and Health Utah Health Departments - 6 years at multiple Health Departments in Utah. Affiliations: International Association of Food Protection- Member; FMI - Member; Canadian Produce Marketing Association - Member; IFPA - Member; CEA Alliance - Member; South East Produce Council- Member; OPA Education: M.B.A., University of Phoenix, Provo, UT B.S., Environmental Biology, with minors in Chemistry, Utah State University</p>
Salinas, Marcos	HL	TX	Handler	No	<p>Professional Experience: helped with organic certification; oversee food safety, quality, HACCP, GMP, SSOP and regulatory compliance. Kiobassa Provision Co. (certified organic for handling) - Food Safety/Quality Assurance Manager; 2015-20 Quality Assurance Technician; 2012-15 United Allergy Services, San Antonio, TX - <i>Clinical Allergy Technician</i> Affiliations: None listed Education: Master's in Food Science, Kansas State University B.S. Biology - Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi; A.S. Biology - Del Mar College; Food Safety Graduate Certificate from Kansas State University</p>
Christen Winckler, Renata	W	NY	Handler	No	<p>Professional Experience: Row 7 Seed Company, LLC - Product manager (certified organic handling operation); Led seed procurement 2017-19 WORLD BENCHMARKING ALLIANCE, Lead Analyst Drove benchmarking efforts for the Access to Seeds Index (ATSI) 2013-15, SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE, Program Manager Affiliations: NOFA-NY; CCOF; MOFGA. Education: MSc. Sociology, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands B.A. Sociology, Marlboro College, Marlboro,</p>
Owens, Natalia (Clif Bar served on NOSB 2015-20)	HL	CA	Handler	Y (4): Lacewing (Miles McEvoy); OTA; QAI, Michigan State Univ	<p>Professional Experience: Clif Bar & Company (acquired by Mondelez International) - Quality Assurance Compliance Manager; Food Safety and Quality Assurance Compliance and Technology Manager; Food Safety and Quality Assurance Associate Manager; Food Safety and Quality Assurance Specialist - organic compliance at the state, national, and international levels. Prepare public comments on behalf of company for proposed legislations. Native Spanish speaker; 2018 - Olam International - Food Safety & Quality Assurance Trainee/Quality Compliance and Training Coordinator developed standards and ensured compliance with the respective labels. Affiliations: International Association of Food Protection - Member; OTA - member; Research assistant in a wine chemistry at UC Davis; FSMA; Education: Master of Global Food Law, Michigan State University B.S. in Food Science and Technology, UC Davis; IOIA Processing Standards; Trained on Food Fraud Prevention</p>

Chean, Jeffrey	W	CA	Handler / Retailer	Y: CCOF: Intl Coffee Org; Regenerative Org Alliance; Enviratas, Steiman; Hetzel	Professional Experience: Groundwork Coffee's Principal, and co-founder. certified organic and Regenerative Organic® coffee roasting company with roasteries and cafes in L.A. and Portland Affiliations: Member, California Organic Product Advisory Committee; Member Specialty Coffee Association of America/SCA since 199 Education: B.S. in Business, California State University in Northridge
Hourigan (Lazarus), Ann Marie (Whole Foods served on the Board 1995-2000 and 2010-2015)	W	TX	Retailer	Y (15): Congressman Doggett (TX - 37); OTA; CCOF; QAI; Danone; Driscolls; Favre (Former NOSB); Kaake; Stonyfield; Straus; Wartheson; Diestal; Probert; Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA)	Professional Experience: Whole Foods - Executive Leader of Quality Standards Sourcing; Earthbound Farm, Organic Integrity and Compliance (2015-2018); Quality Assurance International, Organic Certification Team (2003 - 2015); QAI - Organic Inspector (Handling) and Reviewer (all scopes); Affiliations: 20 years in organic industry; OTA Board of Directors, Governance Committee Chair (2022 – present); International Organic Inspectors Association, Supporting Member (2016 – present); Organic Trade Association Retail Council, Vice Chair (2019 – 2023); California Organic Products Advisory Committee, Processor Representative (2017-2018); CCOF Processor/Handler Chapter Board, Vice President (2016 - 2018); Sustainable Food Trade Association, Member Review Committee (2016-2018) Education / Training: M.B.A., Management (San Diego State Univ.); B.A., Psychology (San Diego State Univ.); IOIA Organic Inspector Training
Lewis, Alan	W	CO	Retailer	No	Professional Experience: Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc., - Vice President, Director of Organic Integrity, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Director of Special Projects 2001 - 2004 The Merredith Group Denver, Consultancy in product development, branding, intellectual property, and finance. 1997 - 2001 Collector's Edge, GM, President and Division CFO Affiliations: None listed Education: 1979-1984 BA, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island 1982-1983 University of Coimbra, Portugal
Rebecca Robinson	W	WA	Retailer	Y (4): NOC; OFA; OTA; National Coop Grocers (NCG)	Professional Experience: PCC Community Markets: Quality Standards Manager; Senior Product Sustainability Specialist; Product Sustainability Specialist- Manage product sustainability standards program, Lead organic advocacy efforts for the co-op, through submitting comments directly on proposed state and federal rules (including NOSB) and engagement with National Organic Coalition and Organic Trade Association. Subject matter expert on personal care products and ecological pollutants Affiliations: NOC - Member; OTA - Member; National Coop Grocers (NCG); Progressive Grocer 2023 GenNext winner Education: M.A. Environment & Community, Humboldt State University; B.A. Sustainable Development Western Washington University

Peery, Shawn	W	ID	Retailer	N	<p>Professional Experience: 34 years in retail produce industry. Albertsons Companies, National VP of Produce, VP of Produce & Floral; Division Produce Sales Manager; 2012-13 APEX Sales and Marketing, NW Division Director; 2007-11 Litehouse Foods Inc: Vice President Business Development; 1987-2007 Albertson's - National Category Manager, Produce; Assistant Sales Manager- Produce & Floral</p> <p>Affiliations: IFPA Retail Committee & Political Advisory Committee; Board of Directors, Bonner Business Center; Oregon & Oregon Food Bank Volunteer</p> <p>Education: A.A. in Business Management, University of Phoenix</p>
Warkentein, Karen	W	VA	Env Prot	No	<p>Professional Experience: AgroSpheres, Inc. - Director, Regulatory Affairs 2016-22 Certis USA LLC (biochemical and microbial pesticides), Director, Regulatory Affairs; 1985-88 EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: B.A., George Washington University; M.D. Johns Hopkins Univ.</p>
Keating, Mark	Unknown	NJ	Env Prot	No	<p>Professional Experience: Wheel of Life Consulting, LLC - Agricultural Consultant; Independent Organic Certification Inspector; 2016-17 Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey, Organic Farming Services Specialist; 2010 USDA NOP</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: M.S. Conservation Biology, University of Wisconsin B.A., Studies in the Environment and History, Yale University</p>
Hunt, Ed	AI	NC	Env Prot	No	<p>Professional Experience: N.C. Community College System, BioAgriculture Curriculum Coordinator; Sustainable Agriculture Director, University at NC; Operates (b) (4) -acre farm in NC that grows traditional row crop products; Small Business Owner, Hunt Transport, (2014-2018). Presently, creating a local farmers CO-OP to supply a farmers' market, restaurants, grocery stores.</p> <p>Affiliations: Southeast NC Ag-Biotech; NC State Beekeepers - Vice President;</p> <p>Education: A.A. in Forestry; B.S. in Natural Resources; M.S. in Environmental Science: Plant and Soil Science concentration;</p>
McReynolds, Roland	W	NC	Env Prot	Y (6): NC Dept of Ag Commissioner; NOC, OFA, Organically Grown Co.; Happy Dirt; MOFGA	<p>Professional Experience: Executive Director, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association: Government relations and policy development in support of local and regional food systems and organic farming; consulting services for organic farmers; manage and operate organic farmer training facility; Incubate organic and sustainable food system businesses; conduct analysis of food, agriculture and resource conservation laws and regulations.</p> <p>Affiliations: North Carolina State Bar, 15B District Bar; Organic Farmers Association Policy Committee, 2020-present; NC State University Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences Advisory Board; Southern Center for Food Safety Training, Outreach, and Technical Assistance; University of Florida Institute</p>

					of Food and Agricultural Sciences; NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force; Central Carolina Community College Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Board Education: J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law, B.A., History and B.S., Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia NC State University Agricultural Leadership Development Program
Zuck, Leslie	W	PA	Farmer	Y: (9): Congressperson Thompson PA - 15; Goldman; Lacewing (McEvoy); Organic Valley; PA Dept of Ag (Cook); Wolf&Assoc (Foster); Stonyfield (Lundgren); Moyer (CEO emeritus Rodale); Kyla Smith (NOSB Chair)	Professional Experience: Common Ground Farm LLC (40 years). (Exempt from organic certification due to size). Owner/Operator, (b) (4) acres diverse farm (pasture/hay, dairy heifers, poultry, pollinator plants, vegetables, managed woodland, baked goods, forest botanicals). Common Ground Consulting: Organic Specialist. Lead consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Organic Transition for Producers and Processors Grant Program (2019-21); Ecocert USA General Manager; Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) Co-Founder and Executive Director (1997-2018) Affiliations: Transition to Organic Partnership Program mentor; PA Native Plant Society, member; PA Vegetable Growers Association; PA Vegetable Marketing & Research Program; Penns Valley Conservation Assoc.; PA Bar Association; OTA, treasurer; Accredited Certifiers Association, president; IFOAM Organics International General Assembly co-chair. Education: Bachelor's degree, Penn State University; Law degree, Dickinson School of Law.
Ayers, Caleb	W	NE	Farmer	Y: CCOF; OTA	Professional Experience: Belltown Farm, Regional Manager (since Nov 2023), Farm Manager (2020 - 2023) - 6500 acres in Nebraska (crops). – oversee organic production and certification; 2012-20 Farm Manager, Duncan Family Farms (Ranch & Crops, not organic); 2009-12 Tim Vanderhart Farm (dairy, not organic), Harvest Team Leader Affiliations: None listed Education: Institute of agriculture and natural resources leadership program
Barsotti, Freeman	-	CA	Farmer, Handler, Retailer	Y (3): CCOF; CA Ag Mediation Prgm; Raleys	Professional Experience: 48 years experience farming organic - Serves (b) (4) customers (CA, OR, WA and AK). CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers) Farm Producer and Handler; TRUE LLC, Raley's, and Capay Inc - Chief Strategy and Integration Officer - operates (b) (4) stores (CA, NV, AX and 4 tribal nations). Capay Organic: (b) (4) acres orchards, fruits and vegetables. Co-owner/CEO for two farm box programs Affiliations: Farm Bureau; Yolo County, California - Board Member since 2015; Member Kathleen Barsotti Non-Profit for Sustainable Agriculture Education: M.B.A.- Pepperdine ; B.S., BioResource and Agricultural Engineering - California Polytechnic State University.
Burnette, Ryan	W	KY	Farmer	No (mentioned that he was going to bundle them and send, but never did)	Professional Experience: Owner - Southern Organic Farm, Feed, and Seed , Pleasureville, KY; Owner/Farmer - Hickory Grove Farm, Pleasureville, KY (b) (4) acres); Plant Division Director - Kentucky Department of Agriculture

					<p>Affiliations: KY State Dept of Ag; Accredited Certifiers Association - board of directors; Community Farm Alliance - President; Lexington Farmers Market - Board of Directors; Class 13 Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program; KY Farm Bureau Advisor for the horticultural and natural resource committee; Ky Food Action Network - steering committee; Organic farming;</p> <p>Education: M.S Diplomacy and International Commerce B.A Political Science Georgetown College, Kentucky</p>
Prather, Robert	W	IL	Farmer	No	<p>Professional Experience: 16 years experience. WeFARM Organics – COO - Converted facilities to Organic.; 2016-22 Chief Strategic Ambassador - Global Processing Inc; 2008-15 Merchant - Hurn Commodities- established a USA grower/processor network for food grad ag products.</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: B.S. Business Administration, IL State Univ.</p>
Kim, Naery	AS	MO	Farmer	Y: Hokto Kinoko Company	<p>Professional Experience: 10 years of regulating organic and food safety production of 4 mushroom spores in Japan and exporting from Japan, importing to America, Facility size in America: (b) (4) sq. ft. Average Annual Yield: (b) (4) tons. Organic Consultant - Hokto Kinoko Co.</p> <p>Affiliations: Hokto Kinoko Company & Food Safety Task Force Team member at American Mushroom Institute - approx. 9 years, Certification Project Manager at QAI - 4 years, Sr. Quality Systems Manager at Perfect Snacks / Mondelez - 4.5 years, Consultant at Rockinh Ranch - 6 months</p> <p>Education: B.S. in Food Science and Industry - Kansas State; Food Safety & Organic training and management for Crop, Processing, & Livestock</p>
Torres, Jose Edgardo	HL	AZ	Farmer	Y (4): Congressperson Sinema (AZ); Intl Fresh Produce Assoc; Organic Produce Association (OPA); Western Growers	<p>Professional Experience: 20 years in organic ag. Head Grower, Wholesum Farms Arizona - manages [REDACTED] acres of organic tomato production, oversees soil health management, and maintains compliance with organic certification standards; Grower Wholesum Family Farms - Mexico; Greenhouse Supervisor Eurofresh (AZ). Native Spanish Speaker</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: B.S., Agronomy with specialty in Horticulture, PanAmerica Agronomic School of El Zamorano, Honduras.</p>
Rabago, Rebecca	HL	AZ	Handler	Y (3): Congressperson Sinema (AZ); IFPA; Organic Produce Association (OPA); Western Growers	<p>Professional Experience: Quality Assurance Corporate Manager, Wholesum Family Farms -develops policies and procedures for organic production, food safety, and quality control; coordinates with suppliers, ensuring compliance, conducts audits, and trains staff. Prior, Operations Manager at Crisp Greenhouses - oversaw daily operations, conducted audits, monitored quality control processes, and trained staff.</p> <p>Affiliations: Apart from work experience, no other affiliations disclosed.</p> <p>Education: Agroindustrial Engineer, Universidad de Occidente</p>

Brinkley, Joseph	W	CA	Farmer	Y: OTA	<p>Professional Experience: Sr. Director of Regenerative Farming at Bonterra Organic Estates, leading a team farming (b) (4) acres of organic wine grapes.</p> <p>Affiliations: Chair of Organic Trade Association Sustainability Council, Chair of Organic Trade Association Wine Council. Lead advocacy work at state and national level with OTA and Ceres advocating for support of organic.</p> <p>Education: B.S. in Horticulture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; B.S. in Economics at Virginia Commonwealth University.</p>
Eme, Chika (no organic experience)	AA	NY	NP	No	<p>Professional Experience: Precious First Step Child Development Center Inc.</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: MBA, M.S. Childhood Advocacy, B.S. Speech Pathology/Audiology</p>
Fuller, Andrew (No organic experience)	AA/ W	LA	NP	No	<p>Professional Experience: Accounting Specialist and State Coordinator's Assistant at Federation of Southern Cooperatives. Store Clerk and Supervisor at Costco Wholesale.</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: B.S. in Agriculture.</p>
Albers, Genevieve (exp. is in supplements)	W	CA	Handler	Y (2): CCOF; OTA	<p>Professional Experience: Compliance Manager, Traditional Medicinals, Certification compliance in Organic; Formerly Legal Expense Auditor for Fireman's Fund Insurance; Assistant Copy Editor for Nu-Design Web Marketing</p> <p>Affiliations: CCOF Board of Directors, North Coast Board Representative</p> <p>Education: J.D., Empire College School of Law, Santa Rosa, June 2004; B.A. Anthropology, Sonoma State University, June 2000</p>
Griffiths, Marcia (seat not vacant)	AA	FL	Public Interest	No	<p>Professional Experience: President/CEO - Griffiths Prince & Associates Consulting LLC providing consulting services for school districts, non-profits, and universities. Lead Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Adjunct Faculty at Walden University.</p> <p>Affiliations: None listed</p> <p>Education: Ph.D. in Education Leadership from Capella University, M.A. in Education from Mercy College, B.A. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College.</p>
Dixon, Matthew (no organic experience)	W	KY	Env Prot	No	<p>Professional Experience: Bel Brands - Plant Scheduling Specialist (Cheese and Apple Sauce Products); Assistant, Kentucky Geographic Alliance; Warehouse Operator, Bel Brands USA</p> <p>Affiliations: No apparent organic experience or Affiliations.</p> <p>Education: B.S., Environment & Sustainability, Western Kentucky Univ; A.A. of Science, Elizabethtown Community College,</p>
Wenzel, Brick (exp. in seafood)	W	NJ	Farmer/Handler	No	<p>Professional Experience: Saltys Enterprises, Managing Member, aquaculture</p> <p>Affiliations: Fishermans Dock Co-Operative; President, Ocean County Board of Agriculture; Director New Jersey Farm Bureau; AFBF- member</p> <p>Education: A.S., Ocean County College, Toms River</p>

Peeters, Robert	W	Canada	Farmer	Y (7): Controlled Environment Agriculture Alliance (CEA) Alliance; Fulton County Economic Development Corporation; IFPA: Nature Fresh; Ontario Greenhouse Growers; Ohio Farm Bureau; Organic Produce Association (OPA)	<p>Professional Experience: Nature Fresh Farms - VP Farm Operations & Strategy; (b) (4) acres of glass greenhouse production between Leamington, ON and Delta, OH, as well as oversee (b) (4) +acres of partner growers throughout Canada, Mexico, and the United States.</p> <p>Affiliations: Nature Fresh Farms - Member, Ketler Farms - Member Organic Produce Association (OPA) - Member, CEA Alliance - Member</p> <p>Education: M.B.A., University of Fredericton, B.S., Engineering Technology Lawrence Technological University; A.A., Mechanical Engineering Technology St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology</p>
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Key: RACE

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- AS - Asian;
- AI - American Indian or Alaska Native;
- W - White;
- HL - Hispanic/Latino (HL)
- NP - not provided