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NOC NEWS

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### **NOSB and pre-NOSB Meeting** **NOC "pre-NOSB meeting"** Co-sponsored by CCOF **Woodland, CA - Monday, April 26th**

**Please join us 8:30am - 2:00pm for our semi-annual pre-NOSB meeting**

[Hampton Inn & Suites, 2060 Freeway Drive, Woodland, CA 95776 \(530\)662-9100](http://Hampton Inn & Suites, 2060 Freeway Drive, Woodland, CA 95776 (530)662-9100)

(Less than a mile from the NOSB meeting site)

[NOSB meeting April 26 \(3 pm\) through April 29. See details at NOP website](#)

Highlights of the NOC/CCOF pre-NOSB meeting will include:

- Pasture Rule debrief
- GE Alfalfa -- Action -- Lawsuit
- Farm Bill 2012 brain storm
- Food Safety
- NOAP
- Updates -- *What you've been doing in the organic world*
- **Lunch included** for a small fee -- [please RSVP](#)

**NOSB will be starting at 3pm on the 26th.**

Please RSVP to [Liana@NationalOrganicCoalition.org](mailto:Liana@NationalOrganicCoalition.org)

We have also reserved a block of rooms under "National Organic Coalition" for \$99 per double. This offer ends midnight April 5th. Please book early!

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STOP GE Alfalfa!



▶ **More Than 200,000 Call for USDA to Prohibit GE Alfalfa**
[See Press Release](#)

▶ NOC sends Letter to USDA with more than 300 signed-on
[See Letter](#)

[▶ Call your Senator or Representative Today!](#)

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## What's new in Food Safety!

**[NSAC ACTION ALERT](#)** -- Support the "Growing Safe Food Act" (S2758) to deliver food safety training and technical assistance appropriate to small and mid scale farms

### **[PRODUCE SAFETY PROJECT -- STAKEHOLDERS' DISCUSSION MEETINGS](#)**

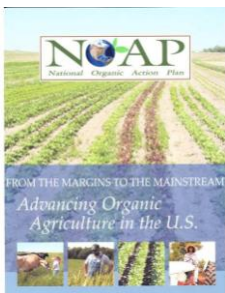
**[Listening sessions sponsored by Pew and attended by FDA, USDA, and 'experts'. Make your voice heard too.](#)**

Columbus, Ohio: March 11, 2010

Tifton, GA: March 25, 2010

Hyattsville, MD: April 7, 2010

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**NOC GIVES THUMBS UP TO  
"Access to Pasture Rule"**

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March 12 Deadline to Sign Up for 2010 EQIP Organic Initiative

The EQIP Organic Initiative is a USDA program that provides financial and technical assistance to growers to implement on-farm conservation practices relevant to organic agriculture. The deadline for applying to the 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Organic Initiative is just 10 days away, in most states. Interested producers must submit their applications to their [Natural Resources Conservation Service local service center](#) by March 12, 2010 if they want to be considered for the program. [\(A few states have later deadlines\)](#)

[OFRF's EQIP Initiative Resource Page](#)

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