

I know that the section on production and handling says, "The producer of an organic livestock operation must not treat an animal in that operation with antibiotics..." I understand that in the EU, organic legislation allows for the use of antibiotics exclusively during weaning. Is it true that USDA allows for no exceptions regarding the use of antibiotics?

Yes; there are no exceptions for the use of antibiotics in the United States NOP regulations. If an animal must be treated with antibiotics because all other measures fail and humane treatment is necessary (failure to treat an animal to preserve its organic status is a violation of the NOP regulations), that animal must be culled from the herd.

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