

## Livestock Recommendations -- 1995

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### NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD FINAL RECOMMENDATION ADDENDUM NUMBER 17 ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Date adopted: October 31, 1995

Location: Austin, Texas

The following deletions are to be made in the Organic Livestock Production Standards section of the NOSB Final Recommendations adopted June 1-4, 1994 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#### **Introduction:**

The Committee has determined that the following sections should be deleted from the formerly approved recommendations for the following reasons: 1) mandating the use of a veterinarian might lay added costs on producers who, because of their own knowledge and experience, can make appropriate decisions regarding the care of their animals, 2) the recommendations shouldn't suggest this kind of micro management, and 3) this is an unenforceable issue that should be between certifiers and producers.

#### **Delete at lines 378-381, page 14:**

Any use or application of antibiotics in organically produced livestock shall occur within the context of a valid veterinarian client patient relationship as defined by the Food and Drug Administration Compliance Policy Guide #7125.06.

#### **Delete at lines 462-466, page 17:**

Any use or application of synthetic parasiticides in organically produced livestock shall occur within the context of a valid veterinarian client patient relationship as defined by the Food and Drug Administration Compliance Policy Guide #7125.06.

#### **Introduction:**

The following changes should be made to make the NOSB Final Recommendations consistent with the law. The committee recommends that the words "or growth promoters" be deleted because the law prohibits the use of antibiotics as growth promoters. At the present time the RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, page 12, lines 332-335 and lines 346-349, read as follows: 'The use or application of antibiotics as medication or growth promoters in animals sold as organic breeder stock, the progeny of which is intended to be labeled or sold as organically produced is restricted' (lines 332-335); and 'The use or application of antibiotics as medication or growth promoters in dairy animals, whose milk or milk products are intended to be labeled or sold as organically produced, is restricted' (lines 346-349).

**Delete at lines 332-333 and at lines 346-347, page 12:**

"or growth promoters".