

Livestock Recommendations -- 1995

**NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD
FINAL RECOMMENDATION ADDENDUM NUMBER 21
USE OF INOCULANTS AND VACCINES IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION**

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Introduction:

Committee discussion revealed that a statement on the use of inoculants and vaccines had not been developed in the National Organic Standards Board Final Recommendations passed in June, 1994. Therefore, an Addendum to the recommendations is required to provide guidance.

Statement of Principle:

The Committee believes use of inoculants and vaccines may be necessary to ensure the health of the animal and to remain in compliance with Federal, State, or regional regulations.

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

Add prior to line 278, page 10:

The inoculation and vaccination of livestock is allowed. In all cases, killed or attenuated vaccines should be used rather than live vaccines unless the latter is the only effective means of prevention or control. Livestock producers must show in their records which vaccines or inoculants have been administered and when they were administered. The Farm Plan should reflect efforts to use proper management, nutrition, and genetic selection for disease resistance and longevity.