

## Livestock Recommendations -- 1994

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### NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD FINAL RECOMMENDATION LIVESTOCK SOURCES

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#### GENERAL

- (1) Livestock which do not meet the standards for organic livestock shall not contaminate organic livestock remaining in the farming operation with substances prohibited by the National List.
- (2) Livestock and/or the products of livestock which do not meet the standards for organic livestock shall be diverted to the conventional market when sold.
- (3) The USDA accredited certifying agents shall include a section in the Organic Farm Plan which requests that producers describe their current efforts and existing obstacles toward conversion.
- (4) Breeder stock, day-old poultry stock, and replacement dairy stock shall be obtained from organic sources, with the following exception:

Non-organic stock shall be permitted to be purchased if the producer can document to the satisfaction of a USDA accredited certifying agent that organically raised stock of acceptable quality and genetic potential is not commercially available.

#### BREEDER STOCK

- (1) Only slaughter stock that are progeny of female breeder stock under organic production methods from the last third of gestation or longer shall be considered organic.
- (2) Purchased breeder stock shall be under organic production methods from such time such stock is brought onto a certified organic farm. If such breeder stock is eventually sold for slaughter, it will not be considered organic unless it meets the requirements for slaughter stock.\*\*

\*\* Organic breeder stock may receive an application of synthetic antibiotic in the event of a healthcare emergency. In such instance, the progeny may be sold or labeled as organically produced provided that the application to the breeder stock does not occur in the last third of gestation or while nursing the progeny, and the application is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. The organic breeder stock, having received an application of synthetic antibiotics, is not disqualified from having its future progeny sold or labeled as organic.

- (3) Breeder stock born on the organic farm shall be under organic production methods from birth.
- (4) Artificial insemination is allowed.

#### SLAUGHTER STOCK

Slaughter stock shall be born to organic breeder stock and be raised under organic production methods.

### **POULTRY STOCK**

All poultry from which meat or eggs will be sold as organically produced shall be raised under organic production methods from one day old.

### **DAIRY STOCK**

Replacement dairy stock must be fed certified organic feeds and raised under organic management practices from the time such stock is brought onto a certified organic farm and for not less than the 12 month period immediately prior to the sale of milk and milk products from such stock.