

## **Crops Committee Recommendations: September, 2002**

### **1. Chilean nitrate for use in spirulina aquaculture production**

(To annotate section 205.602 (a) to allow for unrestricted use of Chilean nitrate)

*Synthetic or Nonsynthetic:* Committee voted 5-0 for nonsynthetic classification

Committee voted 5-0 not to change current annotation which allows for Chilean nitrate use not to exceed 20 percent of the total nitrogen supplied to the crop.

### **2. Prohibition of Chilean nitrate in crop production (by removing current annotation)**

*Synthetic or Nonsynthetic:* Committee voted 5-0 for nonsynthetic classification

Committee voted 4-1 not to remove the annotation. One committee member voted to establish a three year sunset provision after which the use of Chilean nitrate would be prohibited in crop production.

### **3. Ozone to be used as a cleaning agent for irrigation lines and in the control of weeds and soil borne pathogens**

*Synthetic or Nonsynthetic:* Committee voted 5-0 for synthetic classification

**Use in cleaning irrigation lines:** Committee voted 3-2 to add ozone to the national list with the following annotation:

“To be used for cleaning irrigation lines only”.

**Use for weed control:** Committee voted 5-0 to prohibit this use.

**Use for soil-borne pathogen control:** Committee voted 5-0 to prohibit this use.

#### Crops Committee Work Plan Items

1. Completion of practice standard document for compost task force
2. Clarification of the compost tea issue
3. Guidance document for hydroponic production
4. Guidance document for planting stock