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MOFGA would like te express it's s pports of the NOSB's interpretation that results in product on livestock being manage organically from the last third of gestation (this is exclusiv of the one time conversic for dairy herds and the one year before product on exemption for purchase animals). This includes feed and physical manage ment. We support the stric interpretation of the rule in regards to health care also. Ca ves need to be managed o ganically from the last third of gestation in order to maintair consumer confidence in th products.

As curre ntly written the rule has ve y limited options for livestock producers in the realm of health care. MOFGA enco rages the NOSB and NOP to actively and aggressi ely review health care ma rials to increase the number of products available

MOFGA supports OMRI's suggesti ns to allow for the use of synthetic inerts and excipien s used in livestock product n:

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