

From: WhitMH@aol.com%inter2 [WhitMH@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 7:22 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: 5/1/02

Ms. Benham,

I am asking that you please deny the organic label to factory farms, since if allowed, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment. The factory farming industry's attempt at creating an illusion of humaneness and good conditions is outrageous and deceitful. What we should be doing is providing better care and more humane living conditions to these animals that we take the liberty to exploit and harm on a daily basis, rather than trying to increase the pain and suffering they are subjected to. Therefore, once again, please deny the organic label to factory farms. Thank you.

Whitney Helms

From: lwinkle [lwinkle@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 12:31 AM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: factory farms are NOT organic

Please deny the organic label to factory farms. Factory farms cruelly confine animals and factory farms overuse antibiotics. Therefore factory farms are NOT organic. Please deny the organic label to factory farms. Thank you. Laura Winkle

From: Mark Reed [markreed@attbi.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:01 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Organic Labelling Standards

Dear Ms. Benham:

We urge strongly that the NOSB not allow the term "organic" be used to any animals, turkeys or chickens raised in what most are commonly referred to as factory farms. Such facilities treat animals extremely cruelly, in a fashion that makes a mockery of the term 'organic.' These farms also do untold damage to the environment as a result of their enormous outflow of highly concentrated animal waste.

Thank you for taking our views under advisement.

Sincerely,  
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From: matty truhlar [mattytruhlar@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 7:39 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine

Mrs. Katherine Benham,  
Please say no to the factory farm industry's request to use organic labels. Mathew Truhlar

From: MorrisvilleSHD@aol.com%inter2 [MorrisvilleSHD@aol.com] on behalf  
of MorrisvilleSHD@aol.com  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 3:16 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Re: Organic Label Standards

Dear Honorable Katherine Benham USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP:

Factory farming industry members are trying to usurp the "organic" label and use it on chickens that they raise in extremely inhumane, factory farming conditions. As the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Livestock Committee meets to establish national standards for organic poultry, giant corporations are intensively lobbying the Board to allow their industrialized factories to be certified as "organic!" These industrial producers have even succeeded in getting one of their representatives onto the NOSB Livestock Committee. The factory farming industry's attempt at creating an illusion of humaneness and good health is outrageous and disingenuous. If allowed, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment.

Please deny such satanic attempts. God cares for animals. He provides daily for their needs. (Lk 12:24) "... not one of them is forgotten before God." (Ps 147:9) "The righteous man cares for the life of his beast." (Prov 12:10) Thus, God condemns cruelty to animals. (Ezek 34:2, 3) When Balaam "smote the ass with a staff," God rebuked him. (Num 22:23-33) If an ox falls into a pit, we are to help it out. (Lk 14:5) We are to provide animals the necessary food and drink (Gen 24:14), medical care (Ezek 34:4) and rest (Ex 23:5) The Sabbath day itself was not only for humans to rest. God also commanded us to give our animals rest on the same day. (Exodus 20:10), God says that "He hears the cries of newborn ravens crying to Him for food (Job 38:41) Jesus went on to say that God supplies food for the wild birds and that not one of them falls to the ground without Him knowing it (Matthew 6:26, 10:29). "whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a man" (Isaiah 66:3). God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark (Genesis 8:1) "If the place where the Lord your God chooses to put his Name is too far away from you, you may slaughter animals from the herds and flocks the Lord has given you (Deuteronomy 12:21) "this valley will

be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink.  
(2 Kings 3:17) Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits  
them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath  
(Ecclesiastes 3:19).

Please look into your hearts and do what is right and compassionate. Thank  
you

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Domingo, FNP, MS  
Director of Health Services, SUNY Morrisville

From: Nancy S Peterson [lovablek9s@juno.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 8:41 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: organic label

Please insure that the organic label is not placed on poultry that has been injected with antibiotics and raised in the inhumane conditions that seem so common now. It is misleading to the public and people have a right to know exactly what they are eating. I am also very disturbed by the ongoing publicity about factory farming and mistreatment of downed animals. There is no reason this should be going on with so much advanced equipment and knowledge of the suffering these animals experience. Workers should not feel threatened by their jobs if they do not slaughter a certain number of animals each day. The animals deserve to be treated with respect and not viewed as just a product. Thank you for your attention to this message.

From: NPende6361@aol.com%inter2 [NPende6361@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 6:24 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Giving "organic" label to factory farms

Dear Ms. Benham,

I am writing to ask that you NOT give the organic label to factory farms. These industries overuse antibiotics and keep the animals in inhumane confinement systems. Do you REALLY think they deserve the label "organic"?

Thank you,

Nora Pendergrass

From: Patricia Perren [patriciaperren@prodigy.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 12:20 AM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: NO to "organic" labels

I ask you, as a human being who wants a healthy planet, to deny the organic label to factory farms. Don't you think it's unfair and non ethic to use the "organic" label when overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement? Patricia Perren (Van Nuys, Ca., s.s. # 617 82 0012)

From: Paula [paulaf@itis.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:15 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Please Deny Organic Label to Factory Farms

Dear Ms. Benham --

I am very disappointed and appalled to learn that members of the factory farming industry are trying to use the "organic" label on chickens that are raise in extremely inhumane conditions. I am asking that you please DENY the organic label to factory farms. Not only would giving them an "organic" label be unethical, it would also be misleading. This is an industry that overuses antibiotics and confinement systems, in which animals greatly suffer, and human health can be compromised.

I buy organic products because I believe they are truly organic. I don't want to buy products that claim to be "organic", but are in reality from factory farms. Organic farmers work at creating wholesome products, and it's not fair to them to give factory farmers a label they don't deserve.

Thank you for your time.

--Paula Fitzsimmons

Madison, WI

From: PEARL.LANG@wspan.com%inter2 [PEARL.LANG@wspan.com] on behalf of PEARL.LANG@wspan.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 10:02 AM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: organic labeling

Dear Katherine Benham,

The reason for this email is to urge you to deny the organic label to factory farms. The overuse of antibiotics and also the inhumane confinement of animals is no where near what one would consider organic.

An illusion of good health and humane treatment set forth by an organic label to factory farms is a lie.

If allowed it only give strength to an industry that does horrendous damage and harm to animals and the environment.

your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Pearl Lang

Member HSUS

From: Philis Gold [PeteGold@msn.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:11 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: organic label

Please deny the organic label to factory farms. Their chickens are raised in inhumane confinement. Factory farms do not deserve the organic label.

From: Richard Johnston [johnstonrw@mindspring.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 10:20 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Cc: HSUS Action Line  
Subject: Factory farms not organic

I urge you to see to it that the NOSB deny ?organic? designation to enormous factory farms that attempt to creating an illusion of humaneness and good health, an action that is outrageous and disingenuous. If you allow the granting of the organic designation, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment.

Sincerely,

Richard Johnston  
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From: RSWrick@aol.com%inter2 [RSWrick@aol.com] on behalf of  
RSWrick@aol.com  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 8:59 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: DENY the organic label to factory farms

An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the â??organicâ?? label.

Thank you  
Rick Winrod  
Ohio

From: Sarah Farr [sarahfarr@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 6:26 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: organic standards

Dear Ms. Benham,

I am writing to ask that the NOSB Livestock Committee DENY the organic label to factory farms. This industry thrives on an overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems--it has no business using the "organic" label.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sarah M. Farr  
3726 Manor Rd. #2  
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From: Scooteacha@aol.com%inter2 [Scooteacha@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:39 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Please help!

tPlease DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label

Thank you,  
R Reichert  
Florida

From: Scotty2Hottey39@aol.com%inter2 [Scotty2Hottey39@aol.com] on behalf of Scotty2Hottey39@aol.com  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 10:10 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: (no subject)

Im witting to ask you to please deny the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label.

From: Shannon Andreas [Shannon.Andreas@Rollins.Edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 3:48 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Please make a difference

Dear Ms. Benham,

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you please DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems does not deserve the label of "organic."

The factory farming industry's attempts to create an illusion of humaneness and good health is outrageous and disingenuous. If the factory farming industry is allowed to adopt the organic label, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to both animals and the environment.

I am a firm believer in being an advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves. Please use your power to promote the well being of those who cannot promote it themselves.

Thank you in advance for hearing my request.

Most Sincerely,

Shannon Andreas, LMHC

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From: Susan Schiavone [sschiavone@guideposts.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:59 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: In protection of the innocent livestock

An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label. There should be NO such industry allowed by law. These animals are suffering, needlessly. Please stop immediately!

Thank you,

Susan Schiavone  
a concerned citizen

From: Susan Welch [smmwelch@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 6:08 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Deny organic label to chicken farmers

I've recently learned that factory-based chicken farmers are seeking to label their products as "organic." PLEASE do not allow this to happen! As a caring consumer, it is difficult enough for me to identify products that are humanely raised and processed. False labeling will make it even more difficult. And, for me and many like me, it is my intention to vote with my dollars and let producers know that I prefer humanely--and TRULY organically--raised meat products.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you.

Susan Welch  
smmwelch@hotmail.com

From: susann1014@aol.com%inter2 [susann1014@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 4:42 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: please deny organic label to factory farms

What a joke. Factory farms are known for their horribly inhumane conditions, not to mention their overuse of antibiotics. to give them the label of organic would be a horrible misrepresentation to consumers. Thanks for taking my comment. Susan Nauslar 12233 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

From: Tammy Lenski [tammy@lenski.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 2:34 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: "No" to organic label for factory farms

Dear Ms. Benham,

I am writing to express my opposition to allowing factory chicken farms to acquire the "organic" designation for their products. To many Americans, the organic label implies good health and a product that has not been produced in a way that harms the environment or animals.

I understand that there are a variety of "organic" standards out there, and so I hope the NOSB will not further complicate the intentions of organic farmers by including farmers who make widespread use of antibiotics and inhumane livestock conditions to produce their meat.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

Tammy Lenski, Ed.D.  
Peterborough, NH

From: Thomas Yoon [yoonix@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 1:43 AM  
To: Benham, Katherine

Dear Maam,

I am writing you ask you to deny the organic label to factory farms. Factory farming industry members are trying to usurp the "organic" label and use it on chickens that they raise in extremely inhumane, factory farming conditions. As the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Livestock Committee meets to establish national standards for organic poultry, giant corporations are intensively lobbying the Board to allow their industrialized factories to be certified as "organic". These industrial producers have even succeeded in getting one of their representatives onto the NOSB Livestock Committee. The factory farming industry's attempt at creating an illusion of humaneness and good health is outrageous and disingenuous. If allowed, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label.

Sincerely,

Thomas Yoon

From: tom yales [tom\_79\_2001@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 7:36 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Deny the organic labels to factory farms

Please don't allow the inhumane and cruel factory farm industry use organic labels. For the sake of so many lives, please deny the organic label to factory farm!!!

Thomas McMahan

From: Tracy Jenkins [tjenkins@pol.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 9:26 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: organic standards

Katherine Benham,

I understand that the National Organic Standards Board is considering an application for labeling by large poultry farms as organic poultry. Please consider the meaning of the term "organic" to consumers. We use that as a way to distinguish humane, responsible, and safe food supplies. That should not include crowded, confined conditions requiring antibiotics to keep mistreated animals healthy. Please respect the meaning that the term "organic" implies to consumers and do not deceive them by including factory farm conditions in an organic category. We rely on that label to make environmental and economic

decisions about our purchases. Thank you for your attention.

From: Two Rabbits [snugglebaby@pobox.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 8:35 PM  
To: Benham, Katherine  
Subject: Factory farms aren't organic!

Dear Ms. Benham,

I am writing to you out of deep concern for organic farmers. They work hard to avoid pesticides and other chemicals, and treat their animals humanely. I find it most unacceptable that factory poultry farmers are trying to call their poultry "organic." Their factories are not at all "organic!"

I try very hard to only buy all of my family's food certified organic. How can I trust labels anymore if factory farms are allowed to label their products "organic?" It is unfair to the consumer.

Factory farms pollute horrendously. They use GMO's which have not been proven safe for consumption. They treat their animals cruelly and inhumanely. They are heartless to their employees as well. I want NOTHING to do with factory farms! I and my family deserve to know what kind of food we are buying. It is a health choice and a choice of conscience as well.

Please, don't allow factory farms to call themselves or their products "organic!!!"

Sincerely,

Susan Lawrence

**From:** Lisa Seavert [lisaseavert@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2002 5:36 PM  
**To:** Benham, Katherine  
**Subject:** factory farms  
Dear Ms. Benham,

I recently found out that factory farms industry members are trying to put the organic label on chickens raised on factory farms. I became a vegetarian after I saw videos of the conditions in which animals are raised on factory farms. I am a vegetarian right now, not a vegan, and still eat eggs and milk products, of which I only buy labeled "organic" because I feel that if cows and chickens are raised in humane conditions, there is no harm using what they naturally produce. However, if factory farms get to label their products as being "organic" I would not feel comfortable buying any organic products because I wouldn't know if it came from a factory farm. I guess I could thank you for forcing me to go vegan because that is what would happen. However, I don't think I'm ready to turn vegan yet. I have faith that the products I buy labeled "organic" come from animals treated humanely. I know that animals raised on factory farms are treated far from humane, including being pumped full of chemicals, which is hardly organic. Please deny factory farms the use of the organic label. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Lisa Seavert