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Re: USDA's Proposed Rule to Implement the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
Docket # TMD-94-00-2

To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely concerned about the USDA's Proposed Rule as it now reads. As a consumer, I need to know that when a product bears the label "Certified Organic," I can have full confidence that it has been produced in accordance with the most stringent standards for organic food production. I urge the USDA to withdraw the current Rule and to prepare a new Rule which accurately reflects the National Organic Standards Board's (NOSB) recommendations. Specifically:

- I support the reframing of the Rule strictly as a process standard.
- I support the maintaining of the NOSB's statutory authority in these matters.
- I oppose all USDA changes to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances.
- I support the NOSB's prohibitions and restrictions on the use of:
 - Genetically Engineered Organisms
 - Municipal Sewer Sludge
 - Ionized Irradiation
 - Antibiotics in Livestock
 - Inert Ingredients
- I support the NOSB's recommendations concerning:
 - Outdoor Access for Livestock
 - Animal Feed
 - The Negative, Potentially Prohibitive, Impact of Too-High Certification Fees on Small Farmers
- I support the NOSB's broad definition of Genetic Engineering.
- I oppose the USDA's definition of "Unavoidable Residual Environmental Contamination."
- I strenuously oppose the USDA's Eco-Labeling Prohibitions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,