NOSB Livestock Committee Position Paper to be presented at the September 2002 NOSB Meeting, Washington DC

POTASSIUM SORBATE

Motion: Potassium Sorbate should be added to 205.603 synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production with the following restriction: Allowed only in livestock therapeutic products formulated using organic Aloe Vera ~~which is labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))"~~

Vote tallies

Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Michael, Jim, Becky, George, Nancy			Dave

- All agreed that these are SYNTHETIC

Background:

- Potassium Sorbate is being reviewed for use in Processing.
- Research concludes that in order to practically market liquid aloe vera a preservative must be used.

Significant Sideline Issue:

- Use of chemical preservatives is clearly contrary to the spirit of organic yet use of alternative type botanicals such as Aloe Vera clearly are.

Summary of Opinion:

- Aloe Vera is a useful tool for organic livestock production, unfortunately it seems not to be available without preservatives of which KS is the least insidious alternative.
- Independent of the Processing decision the Livestock committee feel compelled to go on record endorsing KS for this specific use.

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