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I would like to express my strong concern & support for the recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board Livestock Committee from February 1, 2005 regarding pasture requirements for the National Organic Program. As a consumer, I need to know that the USDA organic seal represents the true meaning of "organic" which includes pasturing of animals as outlined in the new recommendation.

I firmly believe requiring pasture for ruminants ensures an organic production system which provides living conditions that allow animals to satisfy their natural behavior patterns, provides preventative health care benefits & answers my expectation of humane animal care & ideal welfare, as well as improving cows foot & leg strength, reduced breeding problems, less stress, etc...

Animals utilizing pasture naturally avoid the concentration of manure issues associated with dry lot production. Allowing the cows to go to their food rather than bringing feed to the cows means <u>less</u> use of machinery & non renewable resources.

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I would like to see these recommendations be incorporated into the standards as mandated production practices,

Thanks for your time,

Sincerely,

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