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Dear NOSB Livestock Committee,

I am a certified organic dairy farmer from Wisconsin.

Pasturing of dairy cows is very good, beneficial, + healthy for them. The cows really enjoy it.

It states calves under 6 months need not be outside - I agree with this and also feel heifers under 2 yrs of age could be indoors, too. + fed there.

Heifers are best to be outside on grass after freshening, halving their first calf. They are very easy to work with and learn the outdoors and fence boundaries.

So I feel animals should be out in pasture at 2 yrs of age + pasture as cows, not having younger animals necessary to be outside.

I am a grazer and enjoy having cows in pasture.

Sincerely,

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