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National Organic Standards Board  
c/o Katherine Benham  
Room 4008-South Building  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington DC 20250-0001

To the National Organic Standards Board and members of the National Organic Program,

As a member/producer for Organic Valley CROPP Coop thank you for the opportunity to comment on the interpretation of the Dairy Animal Replacement Clause.

We believe that once an entire herd is transitioned that *all replacement animals must be managed organic from the last third of gestation*. This is undeniably the standard for Organic Meat Animals, to implement a different standard for Dairy animals is unnecessary and would damage the integrity of the program.

With proper care dairy calves can be raised quite effectively using organic practices. Setting strict standards would promote further development of infrastructure in the organic dairy industry and satisfy consumer expectations.

4-22-02

Respectfully,

Dear Katherine,

We run a 50 cow calf beef herd. All our slaughter animals for organic sale must be managed organically from the last 1/3 (third) of gestation. Rightfully so. Organic cows mean organic meat. Likewise with dairy animals. Organic cows mean organic milk. Something fed toxins for 2 years & then treated organically for 90 days will give tainted milk because toxins are stored in the animals fat. There is nothing restrictive about raising calves organically except time & management. If the large factory farms want to take chemical short cuts it qualifies them for conventional milk not an organic premium.

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*Do not allow Organic Producers to quit organic standards, which would be too long and too hard to have the organic industry emasculated.*

*Respectfully,*

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Dear Katherine -

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Please keep the SMALL ORGANIC FAMILY DAIRY Farms in Business. CORPORATE DAIRIES can continue their chemical ways with out receiving our Organic premiums it takes time & management on our small farms something they cant do.  
Allowing corporate farms to purchase any old cow & feed organic for only 90 days leads to chemical milk. Don't water down ORGANIC MILK.

Please consider my thoughts,

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Respectfully, Ed and Lindsey Marke and family

We milk forty cows and believe that anything that helps family farms stay smaller helps us and the local community. We believe that all replacement animals must be managed organic from the last third of gestation with out exception

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