

April 15 2002

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

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Respectfully,

Please have strict standards for organic livestock, this will produce a better product and make it an even playing field for all farmers large or small.

Mike Tully  
5,4148 Vt Rd.  
Leno, VT 54632

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*if do agree we should be able to produce a dairy animal just like we can a beef animal to if we raise all our feed organically there shouldn't be a problem feeding the young stock straight through*

*Sincerely  
Lizette Yoder*



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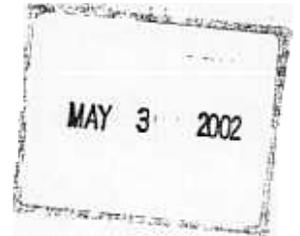
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Respectfully,

LARRY & DONNA MIKSHOWSKY OWN AND  
OPERATE OUR 90 ACRE FARM. WE HAVE  
3 CHILDREN AGES 8-6-3, AND ALSO  
HAVE PRIDE IN FARMING IN A TRUE ORGANIC  
SITUATION. WE STRIVE TO DO OUR BEST  
TO GIVE THE CONSUMER A TRUE ORGANIC PRODUCT.  
LET'S MAINTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS AS  
THE CONSUMER WOULD BELIEVE THAT WE ARE  
AND NOT TO MISLEAD ANYONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
CONSIDERATION ON SUPPORTING OUR FAMILY  
FARM.

Jamy Mikshowsky.



April 21, 2002

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Dane Thompson  
Member / Producer, Organic Valley CROPP Cooperative  
622 N. Fourth St.  
Readstown, WI 54652

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Gibb'.

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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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Respectfully,

*Rynn Tschumper*

*Actively farming, organically certified*





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Respectfully,

*Paul A Fuenger*

Paul & Shelby Fuenger  
E3604 Johnson Ln.  
Genoa, WI 54632-8768

P.S. WE SHOULD KEEP THESE STANDARDS TRUELY ORGANIC AND NOT LET BIG BUSINESS AGRICULTURE PRESSURE YOU TO DROP THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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Respectfully,

I have raised organic beef cattle for  
five years I feel we need to have a common  
rule for organic cattle - dairy or beef.

William H. Larson (William H. Larson)  
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