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Ms. Benham:

I am writing to you regarding the possibility that factory farmers will be allowed to call their products "organic". Organic means that there is no use of antibiotics or pesticides in the raising of that particular product. Factory farmers use both of these things. For the National Organic Standards Board to even be considering allowing factory farms to use this label is infuriating! The NOSB has already allowed one of the industrial producers onto its Livestock Committee, which leads me to worry about what they will allow next or how they will be persuaded.

Consumers, such as myself, buy organic produce, poultry, and the like because we are expecting a very specific thing. We are conscientious, health conscious, educated individuals who are making every effort to buy food that is raised in what we consider to be the best possible way—without the over-use of antibiotics, pesticides, or inhumane conditions. We, organic consumers, make a conscious decision to put only particular foods into our bodies, particular clothes onto our bodies, and to support particular methods of production which we feel is infinitely better for the earth and its inhabitants. If factory farms are allowed to use this label, organic, those of us who have supported organic produce will surely be disillusioned. "Organic" will no longer stand for what we thought it did.

It is my obvious opinion that to allow factory farms to use the organic label is disingenuous. If they are permitted to also use the organic label, *organic*, will no longer mean what it once did. I sincerely, hope that this notion is denied. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely, Joy E. Barnett

From: Walkermed@aol.com%inter2 [Walkermed@aol.com] on behalf of Walkermed@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2002 2:25 AM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: please save 'organic' for legitimate producers

Dear Ms. Benham,

As a medical business owner in Texas, I am concerned about the health of all my patients, many of whom eat healthier organic foods to fight various

illnesses. They rely on your agency to properly identify food producers who legitimately use organic standards in the best sense of that word, as opposed to opportunistic companies that would seek to use the word 'organic' as a false or misleading advertising promise. You know as well as I that factory farm conditions don't constitute 'organic' and that animals at these 'farms'

are treated despicably and brutally, conveying much of the filth and disease from their handling directly into the food chain. Please use your position responsibly to avert boycotts like the very successful one against Proctor and Gamble which eventually forced them to stop using fatal or cruel animal experiments (no thanks to your agency). Companies that treat their animals well and that don't pump them full of antibiotics and growth hormones deserve the title 'organic', not the greedhead industry giants like Pilgrim's Pride, etc. who funnel so much money to their political puppets in the state capitals and Washington. It is up to public officials like you to protect the health and well-being of the animals, and this in turn will produce healthier results for the consumers. We are all watching, Scott Walker, Alliance Medical

From: adrienne robins [adrienne_robins@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2002 8:41 AM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: antibiotics and no room to move are hurting our kids

PLeaSE! Prevent factory farms from acquiring the organic label. It is so wrong. I have a child who is suffering from the misuse of antibiotics in our environment, and I cannot bear to see this practice promoted by people just out to make a dollar. We buy strictly organic poultry right now, and how will we or others who MUST DO THIS remain safe if the standards are relaxed, not to mention the inhumane treatment of animals in such confined quarters. Please help the next generation of kids not to be antibiotic resistant by saying no to factories.
Thanks.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Robins

From: Allison Y Pang [allisonpang@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 9:31 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Factory Farmed Chickens are not Organic

Dear Katherine Benham,

Please deny the "organic" label to factory farmed chickens. The organic label implies that chickens are raised naturally and in an environmentally sustainable way. This is just not the case on factory farms which are characterized as overcrowded, overuse of antibiotics, and environmental damage. To do so would undermine the public's confidence in the organic label for truly organic products.

Sincerely,
Allison Pang
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Portland, OR 97219
503-245-2321
AllisonPang@juno.com

From: Schaffer, Bruce J [SchaffBJ@BP.COM]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 2:04 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: 'organic' labeling

The factory farming industry's attempt at creating an illusion of humaneness and good health, by having their products certified as "organic", is outrageous and disingenuous since the industry does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment.

Please 'do the right thing' - DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label.

Thank you
Bruce J. Schaffer
12559 Princeton Rd, Box 386
Huntsburg, OH 44046

From: Bunny Schneider [bunschneid@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 7:10 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: NOSB Livestock Committee

Dear Ms. Benham:

Please deny the 'organic' label to factory farms! We refuse to buy chicken raised in the inhumane conditions of a factory farm. Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,
David and Bunny Schneider
504 Linden Road
Bellingham, WA 98225

From: Forte, Catherine/David [entp2@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 11:19 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Organic Poultry Labeling

Dear Ms. Benham,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me by telephone on Wednesday, and for offering to pass my comments along to the NOSB Livestock Committee that will meet on May 6th.

My understanding is that some "factory farms" are applying to use the "organic" label. If this is true, it concerns me greatly both as a consumer/mother and as an advocate for animal welfare. On the consumer side, when I buy poultry, I want to be assured that the term "organic" means something...less (or no) use of antibiotics, only vegetarian feed, etc. On the animal welfare side, I take the term to be at least an indicator of better conditions for the animals, since reducing use of antibiotics is usually possible only in less-crowded conditions.

I looked at the information on your website, which includes the following statement: "Organic Livestock Production Standards for organic livestock production are meant to assure both an organic product to the consumer and living conditions for farm animals which limit stress and promote good health. They address substances used in health care and feeding, as well as herd or flock management and housing."

Please be sure that any applicants for use of the term "organic" meet your own standards! It's hard for me to imagine that any type of factory farm operation could do so.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts and the outcome of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,
Catherine Forte
Lakewood, Washington
From: Chris X, The Whole F'n Show(b) [xbobafettx@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2002 2:43 AM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: re:poultry industry trying to jack the organic standard

Hello,

Factory farming industry members are trying to usurp the "organic" label and use it on chickens that they raise in extremely inhumane, factory farming conditions. As the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Livestock Committee meets to establish national standards for organic poultry, giant corporations are intensively lobbying the Board to allow their industrialized factories to be certified as "organic!" These industrial producers have even succeeded in getting one of their representatives onto the NOSB Livestock Committee. The factory farming industry's attempt at creating an illusion of humaneness and good health is outrageous and disingenuous. If allowed, it will only strengthen an industry that does immeasurable harm to animals and the environment. Please ,DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business labelling anything as "organic"

thank you,

Chris Striegel

From: Christa Wirtz [wirtz@unr.nevada.edu]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 11:56 AM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Re: organic label

Dear Ms. Benham:

We urge you to deny the organic label to factory farms on the upcoming organics standart issue. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the oranic label. Also I don't want to support an industry that pretends to be humane by bying their products under false labeling. Thanks for listening to strong supporters for humane treatment of all animals,

Christa and Richard Wirtz

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From: Corrine Barr [corrinebarr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2002 9:22 AM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: organic label to factory farms

I am writing to request that you DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the organic label. Thank you.

Corrine Barr
26247 Rachel Hill Dr
South Riding, VA 20152

From: Donna Selquist [dselquist@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 12:14 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: "Organic" labeling of poultry

It is outrageous that corporate factory farms, which raise their chickens in crowded, inhumane conditions, even be considered as worthy of using the term "organic" on their products. Any intelligent, coherent person on the street defines "organic" far differently, and rightly assumes that the term means an animal or food product which is produced

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for market free of pesticides, antibiotics, or growth stimulants, and which is raised in a "natural" setting where the animals are not crammed into intolerably crowded conditions, or have their environments artificially manipulated to stimulate molting, egg production, etc.

Please protect the integrity of the word "organic" and instruct the NOSB Livestock Committee deny use of the organic label to factory farms.

Thank you.

Donna Selquist

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From: etb@georgetown.edu%inter2 [etb@georgetown.edu] on behalf of etb@georgetown.edu

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 3:16 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Organic Standards

Hello. I spoke with you earlier today (May 2, 2002) regarding the factory farming industry's efforts to infiltrate the NOSB to allow them to meet organic standards. I would advise that these lobbying efforts be thoroughly rejected. To qualify their "products" as organic would be an incredible injustice to the millions of consumers who actively seek out quality meat they can trust that came from a humane environment and is free from chemicals and antibiotics. Factory farms are INHERENTLY inhumane, and the animals they raise are pumped full of steroids and antibiotics. Allowing them to qualify as organic would undermine the entire meaning of the word, as well as the thriving industry it represents. It would also undermine the confidence in the U.S., as meat from factory farms is most often the meat infected with e- coli and other contaminants. Again, I urge you to reject the underhanded efforts of the factory farm industry.

Sincerely,
Emil T. Bailey, Jr.

From: E. Waller [ewaller@adelphia.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 2:24 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Organic label

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May I urge you not to grant the "organic" label to any animals raised on factory farms. It would rob this important term of any significance to the consumer.

It is important to me that farm animals be raised under humane conditions, not compressed, confined and restricted. The organic label should be restricted for those allowed to range freely as nature intended.

Edward Waller
Danville, VA

From: Gail Heitman [gailheitman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 7:52 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: No Vote to Organic Label

401 South 1st Street, #602
Minneapolis, MN 55401
May 2, 2002

Dear Ms. Benham:

This letter is being written to you to urge you to deny labeling factory farms as "organic". Factory farms are notorious violators to animals. They treat them inhumanely. They do not care how cramped, stifling or debilitating their lives are before they are slaughtered. Factory farms don't care what its fed to them -- just so it is cheap. Factory farms only care about making money.

Please do not let them have the "organic" label. That would be a slap in the face to all who truly care about humane animal procedures.

Sincerely,

Gail Heitman

From: Imorse [Imorse@flash.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 8:35 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Factory farming chickens

Dear Madam:

Please do whatever you can to deny the factory farms the use of the "organic" label on factory farmed animals. Such a situation would be deceptive to the public and harmful to health. Any organization which produces animals or poultry with an overuse of

antibiotics and inhumane confinement of the animals has no business calling their product "organic." Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely, Louise Morse, 1403 redbud Trail, Austin, Texas 78746

From: Jan (038) Mike [janandmike1@attbi.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 10:54 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: ORGANIC LABELING

Dear Ms. Benham:

I urge you to DENY the "organic" label to the industrialized chicken factories! Allowing them to use the "organic" label is a giant slap in the face to all that the term "organic" means. An industry that thrives on the overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement has NO business using the "organic" label. I trust the NOSB Livestock Committee will do the right thing and not allow this outrageous request into the national standard for organic poultry. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Pizak
4165 SW 186 Ave
Aloha, OR 97007
From: Jeanette French [yonder@cox.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 9:05 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: chicken labels

Please only put organic labels on chickens who are truly only organic. Thanks
Jeanette French
From: Jennifer Robbins [bluesmom@velocitus.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 5:56 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Organic label

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Thank you,
Jennifer Robbins
Boise Idaho

From: joel@dmcom.net%inter2 [joel@dmcom.net] on behalf of joel@dmcom.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 7:54 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: organic standards

Dear Ms Benham: I strongly urge that the NOSB Livestock Committee deny the organic label to factory farms. This is a mockery of what organic farming is about. Factory farms are just that, factories which confine hens and chickens in stullifying, unsanitary conditions using antibiotics capriciously, and denying these animals a natural environment. As usual, greed comes packaged in endless masks. Organically raised animals on factory farms is an oxymoron! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Joel Hammer, PHD
Katherine Benham
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Sincerely, Joy E. Barnett

From: JSAANDNCA@webtv.net%inter2 [JSAANDNCA@webtv.net] on behalf of

JSAANDNCA@webtv.net

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 1:18 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Please DO NOT Let Factor Use the "Organic" Label

Please do not allow factory farms to use the "organic" label. This industry thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement and has no business using the "organic" label. How can we as consumers trust a label that would include businesses whose practices are some of the most unhealthy, inhumane, and environmentally damaging in our country?

John and Nancy Arnold

1880 N. Via Carrizal

Green Valley, AZ 85614

From: Judy Worn [jmw322@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 9:52 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: FACTORY CHICKEN OPERATIONS

Ms. Benham:

I buy, and so far trust, the label "organic" I will not be able to do that if you allow the organic label to be used on factory farmed chickens.

Those chickens are shot up with all kinds of antibiotics, and subject to inhumane confinement, etc., etc., etc. They SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED to be labeled "organic" .

Please let me keep trusting the "organic" label.

Thank you.

Judy Worn

From: labrador@pobox.com%inter2 [labrador@pobox.com] on behalf of labrador@pobox.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 2:00 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: Organic Factory Farmed Poultry

Hi Katherine!

I just spoke to you on the phone a few minutes ago. The weather is getting drearier here by the minute! My comments are directed to the proposal of allowing factory farmed chickens to be labeled " organic " . This is unacceptable to me and everyone I know who cares about the organic foods standards and/or humane treatment of animals. Factory farming practices and organic farming practices are in opposition on many issues. People who are willing to pay the higher prices and take the extra time to seek out organic food sources do so for more than just personal health reasons. Environmental and humane treatment of farm animals also play a big part in choosing organic foods. Factory farms degrade the environment and are warehouses of abject misery for the animals forced to live within them.

Plese do not degrade the term "organically raised" by including factory farmed poultry, no matter how organic their diet may be. To do so is deceptive and will cause an unpresedented backlash when caring consumers learn about such a blatant misrepresentation.

Sincerely, Jeannie Shank

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Bellevue, WA. 98004 (425) 453-2928

From: Nancy Beavers [highsmith@charter.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 10:33 AM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: NOSB on organic poultry

Dear Ms. Benham:

To label as "organic" poultry from factory farms which use and overuse antibiotics and employ inhumane confinement systems is ludicrous. Please DENY the organic label to factory farms.

Respectfully,

Nancy Beavers

3988 Moore Hollow Road

Woodlawn, TN 37191-9202

highsmith@charter.net

From: NKACE@aol.com%inter2 [NKACE@aol.com] on behalf of NKACE@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 12:13 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Organic labeling

Dear Katherine,

I want you to know the importance to DENY the organic label to factory farms. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label. My family relies that when a company uses the "organic" label, it is actually due to the standards of the Organic Association. I would not be able to trust the labeling of a package if the standards are kept to the minimum. I trust for you to do the proper & just thing for the consumers & people of this country. Please vote to deny factory farms to use the organic label. Thanks for your time. Sincerely, Kristine Acevedo

Can we say global warming?

From: Olga Branson [orange_xiii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 5:11 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: factory farms

I am writing to ask that you deny the right to use the organic label to factory farms. There is nothing organic about cruelty.

Olga Branson
olga@ou.edu

From: pdogsgj@netscape.net%inter2 [pdogsgj@netscape.net] on behalf of pdogsgj@netscape.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 4:35 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Please uphold organic standards

Dear Ms. Benham:

I am writing to urge you to DENY factory farms from using the organic label. Factory farms create extremely inhumane conditions for the animals and also contribute to environmental pollution because of the large amounts of waste they collect.

Buying organic is very important to many people. How can the public buy in good faith if the label is an outright lie?

Sincerely,
Gayle Janzen
11232 Dayton Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98133

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Gayle

From: Peg [nitnee@worldpath.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 4:41 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: "Organic"

Please deny the "organic" label to factory farms.

Any organization that practices such inhumane treatment of animals should never be considered organic. To do so is an outright lie.

I know you will do your best to be fair-handed, and not encourage deceptive labelling standards!

Thank you for your consideration,
Peg Gavenonis
Moultonboro, NH
From: Piper Voight [hippievegandoll@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 2:43 PM
To: Benham, Katherine

Katherine Benham,

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Sincerely,

Sara Folz
340 Mason Street
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

From: Ritamleone@aol.com%inter2 [Ritamleone@aol.com] on behalf of
Ritamleone@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2002 1:12 AM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: Deny Organic Label to Factory Farms

I am writing and urging you to please deny the organic label to factory farms.

This type of industry's tempt at crating an illusion of humaneness and good health is outrageous and disingenuous. An industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems has no business using the organic label.

Rita Leone
From: ruth92118@webtv.net%inter2 [ruth92118@webtv.net] on behalf of
ruth92118@webtv.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 3:43 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: "organic"

Dear Ms. Benham

Please do your very best to deny the label, "organic" to the agri-businesses. At one time, the term had the meaning of pure and natural. Unfortunately, this is not the intention of the huge poultry farm factories.

The USDA needs to improve it's reputation by adhering to standards which benefit the public and not the lobbyists of big business.

Let your office stand for integrity.

Sincerely,
Ruth S Gellman
80 Port of Spain Rd.
Coronado, Ca. 92118

From: Sandy Halliwell [regalair@together.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 4:54 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: NOSB rulings re Organic Label/factory farm chickens

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Dear Katherine Benham: Please have NOSB Livestock Comm. deny the organic label to factory type production of chickens. An industry that thrives on inhumane confinement systems has no business using the "organic" label and scamming the general public. I understand that on May 6 a decision will be made. Thank you for your consideration. Sandy Halliwell, 3924 Old County Rd., Waterford, VT 05819
regalair@together.net

From: Sawtooth Tye [sawtoothtye@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 11:28 AM

To: Benham, Katherine

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SARAH TYE

From: sherlock sherlock [sherlock1895@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 3:13 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: factory farms are NOT organic

Please DENY the organic label to factory farms as to be voted on by the NOSB Livestock Committee. There is no way that factory farms are organic! They are of an industry that thrives on overuse of antibiotics and inhumane confinement systems, and have no business using the "organic" label.

Dr G Campbell, PO Box 680, Silver City, NM 88062

From: VK922@aol.com%inter2 [VK922@aol.com] on behalf of VK922@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 5:12 PM

To: Benham, Katherine

Subject: (no subject)

If a chicken is raised on a factory farm, in little space, with the use of antibiotics, then it is NOT organic.

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Livestock Committee is meeting to establish national standards for organic poultry and giant corporations are intensively lobbying the Board to allow their industrialized factories to be certified as organic.

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Sincerely,

Valerie Kramer
1168 Duck Run Road
Penn Laird, VA 22846

From: 4ajunger [4ajunger@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2002 4:34 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Subject: organic produce and mass farming

Dear Ms Benham,

Please do not support organic labeling on products derived from factory farming. People have a right to know what they eat. Labeling of (inhumanely!) mass-produced meat with an "organic sticker" really fools consumers who care about what they eat.

Many thanks for your concerns.

Kind regards,

Heidi Junger

