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To the NOSB

First of all a friendly greeting to all those involved in the organic industry.

This letter is being written concerning the new recommended rule which would require all dairy cows to have access to pasture that would provide enough forage to the cow with a minimum of 30% dry matter intake. Our 80 acre farm is all in permanent pasture. We have 26 cows and we think it is a very efficient way to produce milk. The consumer thinks organic milk products come from cows on pasture and we need to keep the consumer satisfied. We strongly recommend the new rule!

Have a good day!

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