

**FORMAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE
NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)
TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)**

Date: May 31, 2006

Subject: **Sunset Review - 205.603; Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production**

Chair: Kevin R. O'Rell

Recommendation

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: XXXXX

Guidance Statement: -

Other: _____

Statement of the Recommendation:

See attached Recommendation for Renewal of Ivermectin as Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production on 205.603, category use (a) as disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: Hue Karreman Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Yes – 6

No – 4

Abstain – 2

Absent- 2

Rationale Supporting Recommendation:

NOSB Sunset Material Vote

Response by the NOP:

**National Organic Standards Board
Livestock Committee
Final Recommendation for the Synthetic substances allowed for use in
organic livestock production**

April 20, 2006

Category Use

(a) As disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable

Committee Summary:

A number of specific comments were received on Ivermectin. Several commentors stated that Ivermectin should remain on the National List. Some commentors stated that Ivermectin should be removed from the list. The Livestock Committee agrees with the commentors who supported the renewal of Ivermectin because its use is considered essential for the health and welfare of organic livestock at this time and it can be used in a way compatible with organic production practices.

NOSB Recommendation(s):

Recommendation Based upon Comments Received – 205.603(a)

The NOSB recommends the renewal of the following substance(s) in this use category:

(13) Parasiticides. Ivermectin—prohibited in slaughter stock, allowed in emergency treatment

for dairy and breeder stock when organic system plan-approved preventive management does not prevent infestation. Milk or milk products from a treated animal cannot be labeled as provided for in subpart D of this part for 90 days following treatment. In breeder stock, treatment cannot occur during the last third of gestation if the progeny will be sold as organic and must not be used during the lactation period of breeding stock.

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Board vote: Yes – 6 No – 4 Abstain – 2 Absent - 2