

**National Organic Standards Board
Livestock Committee Sunset Recommendation for §205.604
For the April 2010 Meeting**

March 2, 2010

I. List: 205.604 Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic livestock production

II. Category Use

(a) Strychnine

III. Committee Summary: Some commenters specifically mentioned that strychnine should remain as a prohibited substance on the National List. The Livestock Committee agrees with the commenters that strychnine should remain as a prohibited substance on the National List because its use negatively impacts humans and the environment, is not considered essential for organic production and is not compatible with organic production practices. While the committee did receive some comments that some forms of strychnine may be beneficial as animal health care products, the committee did not agree that this reason justified removal of strychnine from §205.604. Interested parties should proceed with the petition process for amending annotations to allow specific uses of strychnine.

IV. Committee Recommendation(s):

The Livestock Committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category

(a) Strychnine.

Moved: Dan Giacomini Second: Wendy Fulwider

Committee vote: 5 -- yes; 0 -- no; 3 -- absent; 0 -- abstain