

**Formal Recommendation by the
National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
to the National Organic Program (NOP)**

Date: April 29, 2011

Subject: Sunset 2012: As compost feedstocks-Newspaper or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks.

Chair: Tracy Miedema

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action X
Guidance Statement
Other

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

The Board recommends relisting Newspapers or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks as compost feedstock as a synthetic substance allowed for use in organic crop production in 205.601(c).

Rationale Supporting Recommendation (including consistency with OFPA and NOP):

The requested TR was not received for this material's listed use. In addition, the technical record supporting previous decisions is mostly absent. However, no adverse comments regarding the continued listing were received. It appeared in discussions that feedstock use of newspapers is incidental with other composting materials. The Crops Committee believed at this time continued listing was satisfactory.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: JFo		Second: BF		
Yes: 14	No: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0	Recusal: 0

**National Organic Standards Board
Crops Committee
Sunset 2012 Proposed Recommendations
Compost Feedstocks**

April 29, 2011

List § 205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production

(c) As compost feedstocks- newspapers or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks.

Committee Summary

The record lacks technical information on the listing and relisting of this use. CC has not received the requested TR and subsequent to reviewing it, may wish to revise this recommendation. It appears from committee discussion newspaper feedstock use is incidental mixture with other compostable material such as livestock bedding. The Crops Committee has no basis for not allowing the continued use at this time.

Committee Recommendation

Relist on § 205.601(c)

Committee Vote

Motion by: Barry Flamm Second: Tina Ellor
Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0