

Livestock Recommendations -- 1994

NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD FINAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION LIVESTOCK FEED STANDARD

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A. All certified organically produced livestock shall be fed certified organically produced feeds and feed supplements.

1. Feed supplements fed to livestock directly or as a supplement to feed rations shall be certified organically produced.

2. Pasture land upon which livestock are grazed or pastured shall be certified, and the Organic Livestock Plan shall contain management measures designed to maximize soil fertility and rangeland health as determined by the certifying agent.

B. Feed additives fed to livestock shall meet the following requirements:

1. Natural feed additives shall be from any source, provided the additive is not classified as a Prohibited Natural on the National List;

2. Synthetic feed additives shall be materials which are classified as Allowed Synthetics on the National List.

C. The Organic Livestock Plan shall include a contingency plan for obtaining certified organic feed from a secondary source.

D. In the event of a feed availability emergency, non-organic feed may be fed to certified organically produced livestock on an extremely limited basis, provided that the certifying agent is immediately notified of the emergency and establishes a maximum time period during which the non-organic feed may be used. Efforts to locate feed which has been produced without use of prohibited substances shall be documented.

1. Feed availability emergency is a temporary and unforeseeable shortage of certified organic livestock feed due to emergency conditions beyond the producer's control. This emergency must be verified by the certification agent using consistent criteria to ensure uniform exceptions.

2. In the case of such emergency, the producer shall make every reasonable effort and maintain a record of every such effort to locate organically grown feed, using the following prioritization:

a. Certified Organic Feed

b. Non-certified Organic Feed

c. Feed from farms under organic management for 2 years

d. Feed from farms under organic management for 1 year

e. Conventional Feed.