

**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: XXXXXX

Guidance Statement: -

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of the Recommendation:**

**See attached Recommendation for NOT Renewing Milk Replacers as Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production on 205.603, category use (c) as feed supplements.**

**NOSB Vote:**

**Moved: Hue Karreman      Second: Nancy Ostiguy**

**Yes – 11**

**No – 1**

**Abstain – 0**

**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**

(c) As feed supplements

**Committee Summary:**

Several commentors supported the continued listing of milk replacers. One commentor questioned the continued listing of non-organic milk replacer since organic milk replacers or their equivalent are available. The Livestock Committee agrees with the commentor who indicated organic milk replacers or their equivalent are available and thus non-organic milk replacers no longer need to be on the National List. The Livestock Committee believes milk replacers can be removed from the list without adversely affecting organic livestock production.

**NOSB Recommendation(s):**

Recommendations Made that are Based upon Comments Received – 205.603(c)

The NOSB recommends NOT renewing the following substance(s):

Milk replacers—without antibiotics, as emergency use only, no nonmilk products or products from BST treated animals.

Moved: Hue Karreman

Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Board vote: Yes – 11 No – 1 Abstain – 0 Absent - 2