

Calcium Propionate

Motion: Calcium Propionate should be added to 205.603 allowed for use in organic livestock production (a) As disinfectants, sanitizer and medical treatments as applicable.

Vote tallies

Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Michael, Jim, Becky, George, Nancy			Dave

Background:

- Calcium Propionate is a synthesized version of an identical chemical found in biological systems.
- Used to treat Milk Fever and safer than Calcium Chloride. Considered GRAS

Summary of Opinion:

- Since the Rule prohibits the use of synthetics without need prophylactic use is prevented by Certification agencies.
- Calcium Propionate is a safe "tool" for organic farmers to treat milk fever, a serious problem.
- The Committee also considered use as a mold inhibitor and recommended against permitting such use.

