

**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 Renewal of Oxytocin as Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production on 205.603, category use (a) as disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: Hue Karreman

Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Yes – 8

No – 2

Abstain – 2

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:

(a) As disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable

Committee Summary:

A number of specific comments were received on oxytocin. Several commentors stated that oxytocin should remain on the National List. Some commentors stated that oxytocin should be removed from the list. The Livestock Committee agrees with the commentors who supported the renewal of oxytocin because its use is considered not harmful to humans or the environment, it is considered essential in assuring the health and welfare of organic livestock and it can be used in a way compatible with organic production practices.

NOSB Recommendation(s):

Recommendation Based upon Comments Received – 205.603(a)

The NOSB recommends the renewal of the following substance(s) in this use category:

(12) Oxytocin—use in postparturition therapeutic applications.

Moved: Hue Karreman

Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Board vote: Yes – 8 No – 2 Abstain – 2 Absent - 2