

CATTLE CORNER

IBA Super Booster Update & Last-Step Sanitizers

by Katie Webb, Dairy Certification Specialist

IBA Super Booster Update: Approved for Use in 2019

Many producers may have noticed that IBA Super Booster for Adult Cattle and IBA Super Booster for Calves had been approved for organic use but then became prohibited in 2018.

According to the Material Review Organization (MRO) that originally approved the product, one of the ingredients in the formulation was changed and therefore did not meet the requirements for approval. They worked with IBA and the ingredient was changed so that both products would again be approved for use with certified organic livestock. Both IBA Super Booster for Adult Cattle and IBA Super Booster for Calves became approved for organic use again in April 2019.

Please discard any containers of Super Booster from 2018 or earlier since these contain known prohibited ingredients for organic production.

If you would like to add Super Booster to your OSP materials list, please purchase new containers of the product and contact our office so that we can update your paperwork for you.

Last-Step Sanitizers

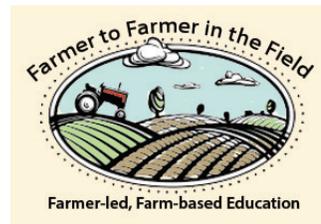
Throughout the 2019 review and inspection cycle, MOFGA Certification Services will be focusing on verifying that the last-step sanitizers in use at dairy farms and processing facilities meet the requirements of the National Organic standards and the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).

In our inspection reports and paperwork reviews, we have seen two commonly mistaken products that are not approved as the last-step sanitizer prior to milk contact:

- DeLaval Agri Clean Sanitizer
- Universal Dairy Supply/West Agro/DeLaval Dyne

These must be followed by a sanitization step with an organic approved last-step product.

There are many approved last-step sanitizers for use in organic milk production and processing. If you would like to confirm that your last-step sanitizer is approved for organic use, or if you need to change sanitizers, please contact your specialist at our office.



Disbudding Training

by Jacki Perkins, Organic Dairy and Livestock Specialist

On April 12th, MOFGA's Ag Services department, in conjunction with MOFGA Education and Organic Valley, held a Farmer-to-Farmer in the Field workshop on disbudding young-stock. Simon Alexander, DVM worked with producers to teach them safe restraint of livestock, proper administration of pain medication for the procedure, and useful techniques for operating the equipment. It was a valuable, hands on experience for all involved.

MOFGA developed this event, which we hope to make into a series, in order to offer proper training on humane, organically approved measures for horn removal on ruminants. In conjunction with the training that is being offered, MOFGA has added to its shared use equipment pool two kits containing all the tools needed for disbudding. One kit will be mostly dedicated to Aroostook County, as it is portable and fueled by propane. John Chartier will be steward of this kit, and can be contacted for its use (jchartier@mofga.org, 207-521-1200). The second kit contains an electric dehorner and will live at the MOFGA grounds, with Jacki M. Perkins as its steward. If given enough advanced warning, Ag Services is able to lend either kit to producers throughout the state, depending on a producer's needs. MOFGA Ag Services and Education will be holding another training during late 2019 for our producers in the southern/central Maine area.

Access to these kits will be limited to those who have had training (either by taking MOFGA's offered classes, or have a signed letter by their veterinarian stating their proficiency in disbudding techniques), as well as have a Veterinary Patient Relationship (VPR) current enough to be able to access the necessary pain medication.

