



Livestock Material Review

For the past year, MOFGA Certification staff has been reviewing materials according to the National Organic Standards. Once we have reviewed a large number of products, we plan to publish a list of allowed and prohibited medications for a wide variety of applications. We hope this will be a helpful resource to certified farms, for clarity on what is allowed and prohibited in organic production. This article is a sneak-peak preview.

We ALLOW the following Udder Creams:

- DynaMint Udder Cream (Marabo Products Ltd)
- Superior Cow Cream S.C.C. (Synergy Animal Products, Inc.)
- Udder Comfort (yellow sprayable) (Udder Comfort)
- Udder Fancy (Crystal Creek)

There are likely many more products that will be allowed in organic production when reviewed. *If you are using a product that is not among the 4 listed please call us immediately so we can review the product.*

Ivermectin. Ivermectin continues to be a tricky issue for organic farms across the country. Ivermectins are confusing because there are similar drugs with names that sound alike, and vets may have the perspective that they are “all the same.”

But the organic standards make a distinction between Ivermectin and other related parasiticides. ONLY IVERMECTIN IS ALLOWED. The rule says:

NOP205.603(a)(18) Parasiticides. Ivermectin—prohibited in slaughter stock, allowed in emergency treatment for dairy and breeder stock when organic system plan-approved preventative management does not prevent infestation. Milk or milk products from a treated animal cannot be labeled as organic for 90 days following treatment. In breeder stock, treatment cannot occur during the last third of gestation if the progeny will be sold as organic and must not be used during the lactation period for breeder stock.

If you plan to add dairy beef to your Farm Plan this year or in the near future, clear animal records showing the use of Ivermectin on your farm will be essential for us to certify dairy beef. Here are the Ivermectins that MCS is allowing so far and some that we aren't:

ALLOWED Ivermectins

- Durvet Injectable 1% (ivermectin) Injection for Cattle & Swine
- Ivomec .08% Sheep Drench (Merial)
- IVOMEC Pour-On for Cattle (Merial)
- Iver-On (Med-Pharmex Inc)
- Top Line (ivermectin) Pour-On for Cattle (AgriLabs)

PROHIBITED Ivermectins

- Ivomec Eprinex (Merial)
- All Avermecins
- All Moxidectins