**FINAL RULE: Organic Livestock & Poultry Practices**

These changes to the organic regulations address organic livestock & poultry living conditions, health care, handling & transport.

**Incorporates feedback from approximately 6700 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Provisions**

**OUTSIDE TIME FOR ALL SPECIES** when temperatures are between 40-90°

- **GOAL: LESS THAN 10 PPM Indoor Ammonia Levels**
- OVER 20 PPM prohibited
- 6 inches of perch space per bird
- 2.25 lbs per square foot required layer outdoor space
- Poultry house exits must ensure ready outdoor access for all birds
- GROUP Housing required for swine (except for special conditions)

**Organic feed & water required** for all species being transported for 12+ hours

**Outdoor requirements** for all species

**Projected COSTS**

Broilers
Producers may need to build housing to maintain production and comply with indoor stocking density requirements.

Layers
Some producers may need to provide additional space and face higher feed costs.

**Projected BENEFITS**

- Establishes a clear standard for consumers & protects the value of the USDA organic seal
- Facilitates fair competition among organic livestock & poultry producers

**Projected $678 MILLION in organic egg sales**

2015

**Implementation Timeline**

Within 1 YEAR of publication of the final rule
All provisions must be implemented, EXCEPT:
- Outdoor access requirements for layers
- Indoor space requirements for broilers

Within 3 YEARS of publication of the final rule
Certified organic broiler operations must meet INDOOR space requirements.
Egg laying operations which apply for organic certification 3 years or more after rule publication must meet all requirements to obtain certification.

Within 5 YEARS of publication of the final rule
All certified organic poultry operations must meet OUTDOOR access requirements.
Prior to year 5, producers could use porches and other soilless areas for outdoor access and maintain current stocking densities for outdoor space.

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