

UPDATE: USDA Withdraws Organic Livestock Mandates

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This is an update to a previous client alert, "USDA Rethinking Organic Livestock Mandates."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to <u>withdraw its final rule governing treatment of animals used for organic livestock and poultry</u>.

The department listed the withdrawal notice Tuesday for the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP) that was enacted into law in January 2017, but never became effective. The multiple delays of an effective date happened when the USDA found "significant policy and legal issues" within the OLPP final rule. The department said the existing framework of livestock and poultry regulations are effective.

If producers have any questions about how to comply with current organic standards or any other food and agriculture laws in general, please <u>contact me</u> or anyone in <u>Barley Snyder's Food & Agribusiness Industry Group</u>.

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