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Statement from Michigan Agri-Business Association on close of USDA organic livestock rule comment period

WASHINGTON – **Jim Byrum**, president of the **Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA)**, made the following statement today as the comment period closed for a proposed U.S. Department of Agriculture rule to alter organic livestock and poultry standards:

“When you hear concern from state veterinarians, state agriculture officials, academic experts, independent economists, and virtually every sector of U.S. agriculture that a rule is a problem, it's time to take note, and that's where USDA's proposed rule on organic livestock stands today. This rule is an animal health risk, a food safety risk, an economic risk and an arbitrary barrier to the tremendous growth in organic agriculture that USDA has helped create during the past decade.”

MABA's comment on the proposed rule can be found by [clicking here](#).

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