



Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont

An organization of farmers, gardeners, and consumers working to promote an economically viable and ecologically sound Vermont food system

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To Whom It May Concern:

Vermont Organic Farmers LLC, a USDA Accredited Organic Certifying Agent, has reviewed the whey product from Agrimark and found that it does not comply with the National Organic Program Standards for soil amendments. Because of the synthetic cleaners included in the product, it is not allowed for use on organic farms. However, whey from the Middlebury Plant is allowed for use on organic land as VOF has written confirmation that it does not contain any wash water or synthetic cleaning agents.

VOF first reviewed the whey from Cabot at least 5 years ago. We have discussed this issue with Agrimark employees in the past and it is our understanding that both the Cabot and Middlebury plants are aware of our policy. In order for land to qualify as organic, it must be free of prohibited substances for at least three years. This means that in order for a farm to qualify as organic, the whey from Cabot would not have been used for three years prior to their initial certification. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office.

Regards,

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