



Understanding Organics: Livestock Production and Health

Possible Sources of Funding for Research and Education

- 1) OFRF (handout in conference packet)
- 2) SARE (handout in conference packet)
- 3) USDA CREES (handout in conference packet)
- 4) Risk Management Agency (RMA) (handout in conference packet)

Others:

- 1) **Ben & Jerry's Foundation:** www.benjerry.com/foundation

The Ben and Jerry's foundation that is open to organic research but not strictly constricted to organic. They are funding this environmental check on dairy farms.

- 2) **Hatch funds:** applicable to other land grant universities as long as the research is lead by a university researcher.

- 3) **EPA** - for pesticide use reduction

- 4) **Regional IPM Centers**

- 5) **The Organic Center** - to study end-products traits

- 6) **Federal-State Market Improvement Program** – administered by Barbara Robinson

- 7) **USDA Rural Development** - to build local or regional processing capabilities

- 8) **Private companies** to approach who sell animal health and nutritional products to the organic livestock/dairy industry.

- Cell-Tech
- Crystal Creek
- Washington Homeopathics
- Van Beek Scientific
- Fertrell
- Agri-Dynamics

- 9) **Milk companies:**

- Horizon Organic – HOPE program
- Organic Valley -
- Stonyfield Farm/Danone
- HP Hood
- Humbolt Creamery
- Aurora
- Clover Stornetta
- Strauss

- 10) **Retail Market:**

- Whole Foods
- Trader Joe's
- Wild Oats

- Sunflower
- United Natural Foods

11) Trusts and Foundations:

- Kellogg Foundation
- Newman's own
- Funk Family Trust (connected to UNFI but should be contacted separately)
- Farm Aid (contact Ted Quaday)
- Wallace Genetic Fund

12) **Animal Welfare Groups:** If you can make a convincing case about the animal welfare benefits of your work, there are some foundations that are likely to give you support.

- Humane Society of the US
- Dodge used to support this kind of work for NOFA

Ag Program officer for the CS Fund is Melanie Adcock. You could possibly send CS Fund a proposal. Even if they don't fund it, they might know who in the foundation community might.

13) **Consumer groups** interested in funding research on organic farming? There needs to be more research on relating to benefits of organic food.

14) Other:

- While not a source of grant funds, the ARS is doing more and more organic research, and might be a valuable partner to approach.
- Also, some state departments of agriculture (such as MN) have Sustainable Ag grant programs for on-farm research.