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Dear Organic Operations,

We hope 2019 has been a prosperous year for you! It has been busy here at the KDA as well! We are writing to you to inform you of some recent changes and updates. Exciting things are happening here in Frankfort, but we are most excited to tell you about a recent staff change. Effective November 1, 2019, Megan Clark has been promoted to Organic Program Manager! We are very excited to have her in this new role and to continue growing this program. In 2019, we have added on several new contract reviewers and inspectors. Meghan Patrick and Luella Mazingo were hired to conduct inspections and limited reviews. Rob MacDonald was hired to conduct reviews only, and Maria Steverson was hired to conduct reviews and limited inspections. We are very excited to have them, and the wealth of knowledge they bring with them. Lastly, on August 1st, Joscelyn Strange and her husband welcomed a healthy baby boy! She has returned to the office full time, and is available should you need to contact her.

As a reminder, annual renewals for crop and livestock producers are due March 1, 2020. Please be looking for that packet in mid-January. We have moved the renewal deadline for organic processors/handlers to September 1, 2020. Please be looking for that packet in early July. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please feel free to contact us.

October 23, 2019 NOP Final Rule Change

On October 23, 2019, the NOP published a final rule that amends the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The final rule states:

- Allows **elemental sulfur** to be used as a slug or snail bait to reduce crop losses.
- Allows **polyoxin D zinc salt** for plant disease control.
- Reclassifies **magnesium chloride** from a synthetic to a non-synthetic substance.

This final rule will become effective on November 22, 2019.

To read the final rule in its entirety, please reference here
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS-NOP-18-0051-0015>

We would also like to remind all organic livestock producers that effective December 27, 2019; Ivermectin will be removed as an allowed parasiticide.

As always, if you have questions please feel free to give us a call or send an email.

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