

## Organic meat, dairy dependent on loosely regulated imported feed

[F]eed for organically raised livestock is pouring into Canada and the United States from other countries.  
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While there is no way to track how much organic feed is being imported from overseas to Canada, dairy producers in the U.S. import significant amounts of organic feed grains from countries such as Romania and Turkey. Organic feed corn is imported from Croatia, Bulgaria and the Balkans. . . .

Some countries producing organic feed for North American farmers have significant levels of corruption. . . . If confidence in government oversight is dubious, how can we have confidence that feed certified organic in those countries is authentic?

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[T]here is a disconnect between the organic movement and . . . the local food movement. . . . the fact that far-away imports are environmental anathema.

Said Warren Taylor, an Ohio creamery operator: "It's completely antithetical to the founding principles of the organic industry that we've allowed the supply chains to go this way.... There is no justifying this."

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