

Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin (rBST)

Bovine somatotropin (bST) is a growth hormone naturally produced by cows and that is naturally present in all cows' milk. The use of the synthetic hormone rBST to stimulate milk production in lactating dairy cows is a practice that we do not promote. Our milk suppliers also uphold policies that oppose or prohibit the use of rBST by their farm suppliers. However, because the natural and synthetic hormones are chemically identical, and because use of rBST does not increase the total amount of hormone present in the milk, it is not possible to distinguish between the two hormones or to detect the presence of rBST in milk in order to verify its absence. It should be recognized that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Dairy Council and the International Dairy Federation (IDFA) have all concluded that milk from rBST treated cows is safe for human consumption.

At Yocream International, Inc., part of our company mission is to delight people with “safe, nutritious, satisfying desserts and treats.” Yocream remains confident in the wholesomeness of our products and in the integrity of our mission.



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