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In accordance with the foregoing disclosure, it will be within the ability of one skilled in the relevant arts to make modifications to the present invention, such as through the substitution of equivalent materials and/or their amounts, without departing from the spirit of the invention as reflected in the appended claims.

We claim:

**1.** A ready-to-feed nutritional beverage comprising:

- a) water;
- b) from about 8 to about 12 gms of an organic brown rice syrup per 100 kcal of beverage; and
- c) from about 0.1 to about 1.0 gms per 100 kcal of a source of calcium selected from the group consisting of natural milk mineral, calcium lactate gluconate and mixtures thereof.

**2.** The beverage according to claim **1** wherein said source of calcium is natural milk mineral.

**3.** The beverage according to claim **2** wherein said natural milk mineral is at a concentration of about 0.15 to about 0.19 gms per 100 kcal of beverage.

**4.** The beverage according to claim **1** wherein said beverage additionally comprises:

- a) at least one element elected from the group consisting of: pantothenic acid, biotin, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, folic acid, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, niacin, vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, vitamin B<sub>1</sub> and a source of bioavailable iron; and
- b) from about 6 to about 10 gms of at least one source of organic protein per 100 kcal.

**5.** The beverage according to claim **4**, wherein said beverage additional comprises:

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a) at least one oil soluble vitamin; and

b) wherein said beverage has a pH of from about 6.8 to about 7.2.

**6.** The beverage according to claim **1** wherein said beverage additional comprises:

a) soy lecithin; and

b) at least one natural flavor.

**7.** The beverage according to claim **1** wherein said beverage is in the form of a concentrate or a powder.

**8.** The beverage according to claim **1** wherein said organic brown rice syrup has a D.E. of at least 25.

**9.** An organic nutritional beverage comprising:

a) non-fat dry milk;

b) natural milk mineral concentrate;

c) brown rice syrup;

d) high oleic sunflower oil;

e) coconut oil;

f) soy bean oil;

g) soy lecithin;

h) flavor;

i) oil soluble vitamins; and

j) water soluble vitamins.

**10.** A nutritional beverage according to claim **1** or **9** additionally containing at least one of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexenoic acid (DHA).

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