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| OHP 02A: Commercial Availability Verification for Non-organic Agricultural Ingredient |
| **Instructions:** *Complete this form for* ***each*** *non-organic agricultural ingredient to be used in or on processed agricultural products to demonstrate it is not commercially available in organic form.* ***You are required to search for organic ingredients******at******least******annually****.* |
| *Non-organic ingredients appearing on the National List at §§205.605-606 may be used in organic products only when an organic ingredient is not* ***commercially available*** *and only when they meet all other criteria specified on the National List.*  *Operators must check a* ***minimum of three potential organic sources*** *and confirm they are unable to source the ingredient organically before purchasing a non-organic ingredient. Cost cannot be a factor in determining commercial availability.*  *Operations must maintain records that document the ingredient, the names of suppliers contacted, the search method, and whether an equivalent organic ingredient was available in the form, quality, and quantity needed for the operation. Resources such as the* [*USDA Organic Integrity Database*](https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/CP/OPP.aspx?cid=72&nopid=5877525421&ret=%257e%252fSearch.aspx&retName=Search) *may help you find certified organic operations that produce or handle specific ingredients.* |
| ***Commercially available*** *as defined at 7 CFR §205.2 refers to the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan. Cost cannot be a factor in determining commercial availability* |
| 1. Non-organic Agricultural Ingredient Name (as it appears on the Organic Product Profile): |
| 1. What is the essential function of this ingredient for your organic product(s)?   **Answer the questions below to explain how you determined the ingredient is not currently available in organic form.** |
| 1. Describe your search for the ingredient in organic form, including at least 3 potential organic suppliers contacted, dates, and search methods/methods of contact. |
| 1. On what basis (form, quality, or quantity) did you determine the ingredient is not commercially available as certified organic?   Form  Quality  Quantity  Other. Please explain:   1. Describe how you made that determination for each supplier’s organic ingredient: |
| 1. Describe your annual plan for finding organic versions of the ingredient listed above. *Records of continued efforts to locate organic sources will be reviewed during your annual inspection*. |