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I support the addition of paper based planting adds to the National List. Parer based pots would be extremely helpful for smaller scale organic farmers. These pots allow for faster transplanting which would allow smaller farmers to increase their planting efficiency without increasing labor. Being able to use these paper based pots would also reduce the amount of plastic pots being used on farms. I also am in favor with the addition of Gellan gums to the National List. There does not seem to be a completely natural way to create a thickener for organic products. As long as Gellan gum meets the requirements of the National List, I think it should be added. This would allow organic foods to more closely mimic non organic foods. This would benefit people who have health or dietary restrictions that only allow them to eat organic foods. Organic foods could be made as close as possible to non organic foods so those who eat it don't feel like they are missing out on certain foods.