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As a member of the agricultural community, I am in favor of this proposed rule. After researching, I support the addition of low-acetyl gellan gum as it can be produced via the fermentation of *Sphingomonas elodea* and without the use of any prohibited practices under the current regulations. Gellan gum is also a very useful ingredient in the processed food industry, therefore it allows for more products to be labeled as organic that were not previously. In addition, I support the addition of paper-based crop planting aids with the National Organic Standards Board's recommendations to amend the definitions within the proposed rule to include specific stipulations which ensure the products align with their organic label. This ruling will aid organic farmers as they will no longer have to rely on more inefficient ways of hand transplanting their crops.