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Ms. Michelle Arsenault USDA AMS NOP April 4, 2022 RE: National Organic Program; Proposed Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances per October 2020 and April 2021 NOSB Recommendations (Handling, Crop) - Posted to [regulations.gov](https://www.ecfr.gov) CROPP Cooperative (CROPP) respectfully submits the following comment pertaining to agenda items from the Handling Subcommittee for the Spring 2022 National Organic Standards Board meeting. CROPP is the nation's largest organic, independent, and farmer-owned cooperative. Organized in 1988, it currently represents nearly 1800 certified organic farmers in 34 states and three foreign countries, achieving over \$1.2 billion in sales during 2021. Focused on its mission of saving and supporting family farms, CROPP produces a variety of certified organic foods sold nationwide under the CROPP Cooperative, Organic Valley, Organic Prairie, Organic Meat Company, Mighty Organic, and private label brands. CROPP owns three dairy production facilities, two meat packers, and contracts with roughly 100 copackers. A. Low-Acyl Gellan Gum (§ 205.605(b)): CROPP Cooperative supports adding low-acyl gellan gum to the National List.