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Docket number AMS-NOP-21-0060; NOP-21-02, and (RIN) 0581-AE11. Stated by Merriam-Webster, the essential meaning of organic, of food: grown or made without the use of artificial chemicals. In order for low-acyl gellan gum to become low-acyl gellan gum, it must undergo deacetylation, which is a chemical change (process.) If the substance is recommended to be added as a “synthetic,” will consumers turn away from products with this ingredient? I feel organic markets target consumers with specific lifestyles, that are particularly aware of ingredients, and seek the naturalness in products. As for the paper-based crop planting aids, the convenience to small farmers will far outweigh the decisions of consumers, when the starter pot is “synthetic,” rather than the crop. This paper-based crop planting aid may reduce plastic waste in such agricultural industries and as a whole. “Organic.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/organic>. Accessed 3 Feb. 2022.