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Nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients may be used in or on processed products labeled as "organic," only in accordance with any restrictions specified in sections 205.605 [yeast, flavors and silicon dioxide (rice hulls)] and 205.606 of the National Organic Standards, and can only be used if an equivalent organically produced ingredient is not commercially available in the appropriate form, quality, or quantity necessary to fulfill the essential function in an organic processing or handling system. A minimum of three sources that carry similar organic ingredients must be consulted before nonorganic ingredients may be purchased. Use this form to document your attempts to source organic ingredients and provide an explanation for sourcing nonorganic ingredients.

Nonorganically produced agricultural ingredient	Source/Supplier	Date Contacted	Describe why a nonorganic ingredient was purchased			
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