Natural Food Certifiers

NFC Commercial Availability Form

1) Operation Name: _____ Date:

*"**Commercially available** - The ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan".*
Organic ingredients must be used for production of products labeled "Organic", but nonorganic ingredients are allowed when organic forms are not commercially available, and the ingredient appears on the National List §205.605/ 205.606. The same ingredient may not be present in both organic and nonorganic forms.

Complete one form for each 205.606 National List nonorganic agricultural ingredient used in products labeled "Organic" or other material requiring commercial unavailability documentation. Written evidence may include letters, faxes, email correspondence, ingredient evaluation reports, or phone logs of discussions with potential suppliers. **Pricing of raw materials is NOT a factor in commercial availability. Operations are required to search for organic ingredients at least on an annual basis.**

2) Nonorganic agricultural ingredient:

Name of Ingredient	Supplier

3) Name of final product(s) with nonorganic agricultural ingredient.

4) Please describe the **essential function** of requested nonorganic material in your product and if this is a factor which makes this ingredient unavailable organically.

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5) Please describe the **form or quality** of the ingredient (e.g.; must be liquid form and not in powdered form) and if this is a factor which makes this ingredient unavailable organically.

6) Estimate the **quantity** of the ingredient needed within a specified time period and if this is a factor which makes this ingredient unavailable organically.

7) Please submit information concerning known sources of the ingredient, and organic status thereof. **Submit NFC Commercial Availability Search Record.**

8) Describe your annual plan to find an organic ingredient that is commercially available? Describe how you will document your search and any product testing conducted each year, or attach a copy.