

[Amendments to the National Organic Program regulations were published in the *Federal Register* on June 7, 2006. For the full text of the announcement, including an explanatory preamble, see the FR notice, as referenced above. Include these changes with the rest of the rule in your Certification Manual.]

...For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 205, is amended as follows:

**PART 205—NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM**

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 205 continues to read as follows:  
**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 6501–6522.

■ 2. Section 205.236 (a)(2) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 205.236 Origin of Livestock.**

(a) \* \* \*

(2) *Dairy animals.* Milk or milk products must be from animals that have been under continuous organic management beginning no later than 1 year prior to the production of the milk or milk products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic, *Except,*

(i) That, crops and forage from land, included in the organic system plan of a dairy farm, that is in the third year of organic management may be consumed by the dairy animals of the farm during the 12-month period immediately prior to the sale of organic milk and milk products; and

(ii) That, when an entire, distinct herd is converted to organic production, the producer may, *provided* no milk produced under this subparagraph enters the stream of commerce labeled as organic after June 9, 2007: (a) For the first 9 months of the year, provide a minimum of 80-percent feed that is either organic or raised from land

included in the organic system plan and managed in compliance with organic crop requirements; and (b) Provide feed in compliance with § 205.237 for the final 3 months.

(iii) Once an entire, distinct herd has been converted to organic production, all dairy animals shall be under organic management from the last third of gestation.

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■ 3. Section 205.606 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 205.606 Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as organic.**

Only the following nonorganically produced agricultural products may be used as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic,” only in accordance with any restrictions specified in this section, and only when the product is not commercially available in organic form.

- (a) Cornstarch (native)
- (b) Gums—water extracted only (arabic, guar, locust bean, carob bean)
- (c) Kelp—for use only as a thickener and dietary supplement
- (d) Lecithin—unbleached
- (e) Pectin (high-methoxy)

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