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Vanilla? Yes, for over 100 years, a Chicago area family has been making pure vanilla. The Nielsen-Massey vanilla plant www.nielsenmassey.com was once located in Lincoln Park, but when the business outgrew that facility, it moved to Waukegan. The third generation of Niensens now runs the business, supplying vanilla and other flavorings to food manufacturers, chefs and foodies around the world.

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