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Oregon Tilth Announces New Global Certification Program Manager

Salem, OR – Oregon Tilth Certified Organic announces the hiring of Jim Pierce as the first full time Global Certification Program Manager. This hiring marks a milestone in the growth and development of the Oregon Tilth Certification Program, Oregon Tilth continued commitment to the organic community and shows the increase of organic products and demand worldwide.

Jim brings over 18 years of experience working in the organic community with farmers, livestock producers and processors understanding organic regulations. Previously he held the position of Certification Czar at Organic Valley, CROPP Cooperative, the largest grower owned cooperative in the United States, where he helped manage certification for over 900 grower and livestock producers and 200 dairy manufacturing plants. Jim's knowledge, experience and dedication to the organic community is unparalleled.

"Since Oregon Tilth was our certifier at Organic Valley I got to know the organization very well including their reputation for being strict but fair. When the opportunity presented itself to become a member of their progressive, dynamic team I knew it was exactly the career move I was looking for." Says Jim Pierce.

Pierce's hiring shows the commitment by OTCO to support the growth and trade worldwide of organic products and to work towards efficiencies and effective strategies to help our certified operations build their organic product lines. "Jim Pierce brings many years of unique certification experience to our organization." Says Kristy Korb, Certification Director for Oregon Tilth. "He understands regulatory language, but more importantly he knows how these systems and people work within this regulatory context. He will be an incredible value to Oregon Tilth certified companies as well as our greater member community with his extraordinary knowledge."

Oregon Tilth, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that supports and promotes biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture through education, research, advocacy, and product certification.