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Oregon Tilth Certifed Organic

Oregon Tilth Launches New Website

Today Oregon Tilth launched it's new website. The new website has increased capabilities and new information for all Oregon Tilth certified operations, members, consumers and more. We are very pleased to present you with this new tool. The top new user functions include:

- Online Producer search updated daily - search for farms, processors and more!
- Current forms for every type of operation - available for download in word and pdf format
- Extended resource section that helps you find the information you need
- Improved navigation and audience search capabilites

Take some time and explore and let us know what further information you would find helpful to have available by contacting us by phone or email.

NOP Proposes Amendments to the National List

July 14th the NOP published their proposed amendments to the National List 7 CFR Part 205. The proposed amendments would extend the allowance for the use of Methionine in Livestock feed until October 1, 2010. Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted to the NOP by August 13, 2008. Instructions for submitting comments are available in reading the full proposed amendment.

NOP Proposes Reaffirming Allowance of 11 Sunset National List Items

In an additional ammendment proposal the the NOP, on July 14th reaffirmed the continued allowance of 11 sunset items in 7 CFR Part 205, commonly known as the National list. The proposal includes many items currently in use on organic farms and in organic handling facilities. Of note is the proposed change to add and annotation and clarify Tartaric Acids addition to both 205.605 (a) and (b). The listing of tartaric acid is proposed to be annotated with the requirement that it is produced from either (a) grape wine or (b) malic acid. To review the full proposal of amendments on these sunset items and to comment on any of the proposal please refer to NOP Newsroom to download a full copy of the docket.

Oregon Tilth Hires New Global Certification Manager

On May 15th, 2008 Oregon Tilth Certified Organic announced 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. If you have questions about international organic regulations or want to welcome Jim to Oregon Tilth you can email him directly or visit our contact page for full contact inforamation.

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OTCO AIB Joint Training
Ontario, CA
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Oregon Tilth Certified Organic and AIB are once again teaming up to offer the 3 day course "Organic Certification with Foundation in Food Safety". Learn how you can protect the integrity of your organic products with the development of an Organic Systems Plan and proper Food Safety Programs. Protect consumers, your brand name, and your company's image with the valuable information learned at this seminar. The full agenda and registration details are available by contacting the Oregon Tilth office or online through AIB. Don't miss this exciting event and opportunity to learn in detail all you need to about organic certification and food safety and how they overlap. Register Today!

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