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<p>Oregon Tilth Moves Main Office</p> <p>As of March 1st, 2010 the Oregon Tilth main office has moved to beautiful Corvallis, OR. Our new address and contact information is listed below, please be sure to update your records as the Salem office is now closed. In an effort to reduce any confusion we have managed to keep our existing phone number and all mail will be forwarded for a short time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Address: 260 SW Madison Ave, Suite 106, Corvallis OR 97333 <p>phone: 503.378.0690 fax: 541.7534924</p> <p>NOP Releases New Pasture Regulation</p> <p>On Friday, February 12th the NOP posted the new pasture regulation. The new pasture regulation contains new requirements for feeding, pasturing and housing livestock. OTCO has listed a few of the major changes on our website. The most significant changes are feed calculations and reporting. In the new rule ruminants must receive 30% of their dry matter intake from pasture. It is required of producers to comply with this requirement as well as to document all rations used, dry matter demand for each production group, and how demand and dry matter intake will be calculated. It is also required that each change in ration be updated with your certifier. These records will all need to be audited at inspection as other records currently are. There are also some changes to how livestock can be housed in the case of space requirements and outdoor access. A whole new section was also added to the rule that requires a pasture and grazing management plan be put into place. We do feel, that for most, only minor changes will be needed—mainly in feed records and reporting. The new Organic System Plan that we are developing will provide a easy-to-use format to capture this information and build a compliant plan. More Information...</p> <p>EQIP Sign Up Ends March 12th!</p> <p>The EQIP Organic Initiative signup is a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program (NOP) certified organic producers as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production. Organic producers may also apply for assistance under the General EQIP program that is open to both organic and non-organic producers. To be eligible for the program, applicants must be farmers or ranchers who earn a minimum agricultural income and meet other EQIP program requirements. Through the Organic EQIP signup, farmers, ranchers and dairy operators may apply for financial assistance and technical expertise to plan and install conservation measures. The deadline for the EQIP sign up applications has been extended till March 12th, 2010. Don't miss the deadline. More Information...</p> <p>Canadian Organic Standards Released For Free Download</p> <p>Many months after becoming effective for all organic products in Canada the Canadian Organic Standards are now available free for download through the CFIA. Previously an operation was required to purchase a copy of the standards and materials list for compliance under this program. Thanks to OTA and the Canadian Organic Program, CFIA the CGSB Standards are available for free distribution, making it much easier for producers and processors to access these standards for review and compliance. Copies of the standards and the permitted substance list are available for download from the Oregon Tilth Website. Get a copy...</p>	<p>In this Issue</p> <p>Oregon Tilth Moves</p> <p>NOP Releases Pasture Regulation</p> <p>EQIP Sign Up Extended</p> <p>Canadian Organic Standards</p> <p>Korea Extends Implementation</p> <p>EOrganic Offers Webinars</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Natural Products Expo West</p> <p>March 11-14, 2010 Anaheim, CA</p> <p>Attended by more than 53,000 industry professionals from across the globe, Natural Products Expo West is the premier trade show for the healthy products industry. Combined events showcase the entire value chain of healthy products from start to finish, identifying the bestsellers of today and the trends of tomorrow. Come Visit Oregon Tilth at Booth # 2111</p> <p>Get more Information or Register!</p> <p>All Things Organic</p> <p>June 16-18, 2010 Chicago, IL</p> <p>Brought to you by the Organic Trade Association, All Things Organic combines a large tradeshow with organic educational tracks. The OTA annual member meeting and awards dinner is held in conjunction with All Things Organic show. Many keynote presenters, key workshops and USDA trainings will all be a part of All Things Organic 2010.</p> <p>Register Now!</p> <p>NOP Access to Pasture Trainings</p>

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<p>Korea Extends Implementation of Processed Food Regulation</p> <p>On December 31, the Korea Food and Drug Administration (KFDA) published its final revision to the Labeling Guidelines for Food Products, which included an extension of the labeling standard for organic processed food products until December 31, 2010. This was the last regulatory change necessary to finalize the one-year extension. On December 18, the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF) posted the extension for their new organic processed foods regulation on their website. The new MIFAFF regulation was to be fully implemented on January 1, 2010 and would replace the KFDA labeling guideline for organic products. The United States and several other organic exporting countries encouraged Korea to extend the deadline in order for certifiers to become accredited to the new regulation, and to work with MIFAFF to add language to the regulation to allow for recognition of foreign accrediting bodies and equivalence to foreign standards. More Information...</p> <p>EOrganic Offers Organic Farming Webinar Series</p> <p>EOrganic is offering many useful webinars designed for organic farmers. Upcoming webinars in March include A Look at the New Pasture Regulation, Organic Blueberry Production and more. Be sure to check out the webinars and register for them. Don't miss out on these greta opportunities to learn from university extension specialists and more. More Information... Check out Eorganic!</p>	<p>NOP will be conducting Access to Pasture training sessions. As details of the training sessions become available, NOP will post them on the Web site, including pre-registration information, which will be required for all training sessions. The dates and city locations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 24, 2010 – Albany, NY - April 7, 2010 – Denver, CO - April 26, 2010 – Davis, CA 

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