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Federal Court Orders Destruction of GMO Sugar Beets

December 2nd - Federal District Judge Jeffrey S. White issued a preliminary injunction ordering the immediate destruction of hundreds of acres of genetically engineered (GE) sugar beet seedlings planted in September after finding the seedlings had been planted in violation of federal law. Read more on sugar beet order.

Oregon Tilth 2009-2010 Annual Report Posted

Oregon Tilth's 2009-2010 annual report has been posted! A letter from the board of directors gives a summary on what's been happening at Oregon Tilth including the appointment of Chris Shreiner as the Executive Director. Get caught up on our Certification Program, current standing at the Organic Education Center, and Oregon Tilth's magazine, In Good Tilth. The report also includes working with NRCS, Tilth Partners, and financial charts. Visit the Annual Report webpage.

NOSB 2010 Fall Report

Twice a year the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) meets to receive public comment, discuss and vote on committee recommendations, and handle Board administrative matters. The following is a summary of the meeting topics, discussion and decisions from the fall 2010 meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Read the NOSB Fall Report.

The House Passes the Child Nutrition Act

The House of Representatives approved a $4.5 billion child nutrition bill funding school lunches and setting new nutritional standards on food sold in schools. This is the first school lunch reform in 30 years. Read more on the Child Nutrition Act.

NOP Issues Final Rule on Pasture Standards for Dairy Goats

The NOP has issued a final rule to provide greater detail to the NOP livestock regulations, especially as they relate to pasture and ruminant animals. Find out more on NOP dairy goat rule.

Update on Trade with Canada

In November 2010, the National Organic Program (NOP) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced updates to the US Canada Equivalency Agreement. The notice includes two clarifications. First, all products crossing the Canadian border must be accompanied by documentation containing the following statement: "Certified in compliance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement." Second, all products must be in compliance with the agreements. Read more on trade with Canada updates.

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Upcoming Events

Organicology Conference
February 10-12, 2011
Portland, OR

Organicology is an interactive educational format created by four organic trade organizations designed to meet the diverse needs of our rapidly expanding trade. Organicology offers curriculum designed to advance trade knowledge across a broad front. Seed producers, farmers, distributors and retailers, researchers and educators, chefs, food policy activists, and of course..... eaters of great food - all find topics of interest and sources of inspiration at Organicology. The 2011 conference will continue focus on sustainability, farming and seed issues as well as an addition of eduction and interchange around the impacts of climate change on agriculture and the farm bill.
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