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OTCO News

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Organic Cost Share Applications Still Available

If you haven't applied yet, please do so! If the allotted money isn't used, it won't be available next year. The USDA Organic Cost Share Reimbursement Program was approved by Congress and funds were made available through the USDA to applicant states. We want you to know that there is still opportunity to take advantage of these funds. Find out more about the organic cost share program...

Organic Recognition on Capital Hill

Kim Tait used statistics to show that organic agriculture is the fastest growing sector of agriculture and advocated the importance of USDA programs that support organic agrictulture. Read more of Tait's, and other attendee's, comments...

Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 FAQs

The Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 is widely hailed as the most sweeping update to U.S. food safety law since the Great Depression, and includes language that is relevant to small and mid-size organic producers. Read Organic Farming Research Foundation's FAQs about the Act...

Farming with Food Safety and Conservation in Mind

A publication from the Wild Farm Alliance and Community Alliance with Family Farmers covering co-management of food safety and conservation is available. Read more on food safety and conservation...

International Trade Reminders

Unfortunately there is no news to report regarding several issues reported last month including;

- The US-Canada Equivalency Arrangement in light of the Canada Organic Regulation becoming fully effective.
- The EU Canada Equivalency Agreement.
- The updated Canada Standards and Permitted Substances List.

Last Month's Newsletter can be read here
Please read these important international trade reminders including shipping to Canada and suggestions for complying with the US-Canada Equivalency Arrangement.

Materials Relisted by Federal Register Final Rule

Federal Register Final Rule Notice for relisting of materials was published on August 3rd. Materials include ferric phosphate, hydrogen chloride, egg white lysozyme, L-malic acid, microoganisms, activated charcoal, cyclohexylamine, diethylaminoethanol, octadecylamine,

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Upcoming Events

Come visit us at Expo East!
Baltimore, MD

Attended by as many as 25,000 industry professionals and featuring thousands of exhibits, Natural Products Expo East (www.expoeast.com) is the largest natural, organic, and healthy products trade show on the East Coast! With the newest and best-selling products and branded ingredients available this show features the best in organic at All Things Organic/Organic Products Expo-BioFach America, offers an extensive retailer training program and provides an advocacy platform through a strategic partnership with Natural Products Association East. Natural Products Expo East is ranked as one of the top 200 tradeshows in the US. More details to come on our events page!

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