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<p>USDA Accepting Comments on Materials Used, Prohibited in Organic Agriculture</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking concerning the scheduled expiration of twelve substances allowed or prohibited for use in organic agriculture. The 12 substances will expire on November 3, 2013. Read more about Comments on Materials Used...</p> <p>2011 Organic Certification Cost Share Program Report</p> <p>The NOP has submitted its annual report on organic certification cost share programs to Congress. The report describes requests for funds from each state, disbursements to each state, and expenditures during the current and previous fiscal years. Read more on the Cost Share Program Report...</p> <p>Planned Economic Analysis: Organic Poultry Living Conditions</p> <p>An independent impact analysis on proposed rules that the NOP intends to publish will be conducted by a professional consulting service contracted by the NOP. The rules clarify the requirements for the living conditions of organic poultry. Read more on Organic Poultry Living Conditions Analysis...</p> <p>House Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee Passes FY2012 Funding Bill</p> <p>The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture passed the Fiscal Year 2012 funding bill and posted the report language listing specific funding information. The total funding amount for the USDA and FDA is \$17.25 billion, \$2.669 billion less than Fiscal Year 2011. Read more on 2012 Funding Bill...</p> <p>USDA Releases Notice on Ruminant Slaughter Stock Provisions</p> <p>The USDA issued a Federal Register notice on the ruminant stock provision of the access to pasture rule on May 10th. The notice details that the NOP will not take further action to amend the provision on ruminant slaughter stock under NOP regulations. Read more on the Ruminant Slaughter Stock Provisions...</p> <p>USDA Publishes Guidance Documents</p> <p>The USDA on May 6th published guidance for the organic industry concerning the issues of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compost and vermicompost; • wild crop harvesting; • commingling and contamination prevention; • and the use of chlorine materials in organic production and handling. 	<p>In this Issue</p> <p>Comments on Materials Used, Prohibited</p> <p>Organic Certification Cost Share Program Report</p> <p>Planned Economic Analysis: Organic Poultry Living Conditions</p> <p>FY2012 Funding Bill</p> <p>USDA Releases Notice on Ruminant Slaughter Stock Provisions</p> <p>USDA Publishes Guidance Documents</p> <p>Exemptions Proposed for Two Parasiticides</p> <p>International News</p> <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <p>The Tilth Table July 17, 2011 Lake Oswego, OR</p> <p>A hands-on and creative farm and chef experience presented by Oregon Tilth and Allium Bistro. Learn to plant and harvest a variety of crops, then pair up with an experienced chef to gather provisions to prepare your unique dish together. Read more on The Tilth Table...</p> <p>OEC Class Postings New Web Page Around Portland, OR</p> <p>OEC has all class postings organized on their Classes Page. Be sure to visit and see the upcoming classes!</p>

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<p>Read more on Compost Guidance...</p> <p>Exemptions Proposed for Two Parasiticides</p> <p>The USDA has published a proposed rule to establish exemptions for the use of two sythetic substances in organic livestock production - fenbendazole and moxidectin - as parasiticides consistent with the recommendations of the NOSB. Read more on the Two Parasiticides...</p> <p>International News</p> <p>Importing and exporting organic products continues to be challenging and confusing as more countries implement their own National Regulations. A silver lining to this situation is that there is significantly more activity between Governments to work out Agreements intended to ease restrictions on organic trade. Read more International News...</p>	

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