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<p>Letter to Senate Asking for an Equitable Approach to Spending Cuts</p> <p>Oregon Tilth signed a letter with several other organizations asking the Senate for a more equitable approach to spending cuts and not unfairly targeting higher percentage cuts to</p>	<p>In this Issue</p> <p>Letter to Senate Regarding Spending Cuts</p>
<p>important agriculture, conservation and nutrition programs. Read the letter to the Senate and find out how to take action!</p>	<p>Conventional Growers to Sue to Reverse USDA's GE Alfalfa Deregulation</p> 
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<p>New Online Record Keeping System for Certified Organic Producers</p> <p>Certified Organic Business Solutions, LLC is pleased to announce the launch of a unique web-based record keeping service for producers of Certified Organically Grown crops. The software helps keep track of Fertility Inputs, Pest Management, Weed Control, Yield Records, Field Plans, Seeds, Plants, and Rootstock. Find out more about the record keeping system.</p>	<p>Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) Updated</p>
<p>Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) Updated</p> <p>Version 3.0 revisions include a prohibition on garment finishing methods considered harmful to workers (such as denim sand blasting), a requirement that any polyester in GOTS-certified products be made of post-consumer recycled material by 2014, permission for polypropylene to be used as an 'additional fiber material,' and more material options for accessories. Read the GOTS changes.</p>	<p>Processing Program Technical Specialist, Gwendolyn Wyard Joins the OTA</p>
<p>Processing Program Technical Specialist, Gwendolyn Wyard Joins the OTA</p> <p>We'll all miss you, Gwen! Looking forward to crossing paths again! Gwen is joining the OTA as the Associate Director of Organic Standards and Industry Outreach. Read Gwen's letter and find out more about her new position.</p>	<p>MSNBC Poll Results on GM Labeling</p>
<p>MSNBC Poll Results - 96% of People Want GM Foods Labeled</p> <p>MSNBC ran a poll asking people their opinion of whether or not GM foods should be labeled. Of those polled, 96% said they did want it labeled. Read more on the MSNBC poll.</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>NOSB Spring Meeting April 26, 2011 Portland, OR</p> <p>The NOSB meeting agenda and draft recommendations will be available mid-March. Online reservations for oral comments at the meeting is already open! Read more on the NOSB Spring Meeting!</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>
	