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<p>Apply Now for NRCS Organic Initiative</p> <p>Is your farm eligible for financial and technical assistance through the National Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Organic Initiative? Part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Organic Initiative offers \$50 million in financial and technical assistance to support a wide array of conservation practices specifically designed for organic production. Read more on the NRCS Organic Initiative...</p> <p>OMRI Drop Notice</p> <p>OMRI reports to certifiers any product names removed from the OMRI Products List© within ten days of their removal. OMRI 'drops' products when the companies voluntarily request their products be removed from our program or they fail to comply with the organization's policies. OMRI prohibits products only when conclusive evidence is on file to demonstrate a non-compliance with the NOP Rule. Read more on the OMRI Drop Notice...</p> <p>NOP Responds to December 2011 NOSB Recommendations</p> <p>The National Organic Program published a memo in response to the recommendations made at the December 2011 business meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). Read more on NOP Response to NOSB...</p> <p>Updated List of Certified Organic Operations</p> <p>As of the end of 2011, 17,673 organic farms and processing facilities in the United States were certified to the USDA organic standards. That's 478 more operators than at the end of 2010, and a 240% increase since NOP's tracking began in 2002. Worldwide, there are now 28,779 certified organic operators across 133 countries. Read more on the Updated Organic Operations List...</p> <p>USDA Warns of Fraudulent Letters</p> <p>USDA officials learned late Friday afternoon, March 16th, 2012, that fraudulent letters are being sent by FAX to individuals and businesses in at</p>	<p>In this Issue</p> <p>NRCS Organic Initiative</p> <p>OMRI Drop Notice</p> <p>NOP - December Recommendations</p> <p>Updated Organic Operations List</p> <p>USDA Warns of Fraudulent Letters</p> <p>Just Label It Reaches Goal</p> <p>Senators and Reps Urge FDA to Require Labeling</p> <p>March 2012 Organic Integrity Quarterly</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>NOSB Spring 2012 Meeting May 22-25, 2012 Albuquerque, NM</p> <p>Please note the meeting was pushed back a day from the original notice.</p> <p>Read more about the</p>

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<p>least four states. The letters purportedly come from a USDA procurement officer and seek personal information. These letters are false and in no case should a recipient respond with personal and financial information. Read more on Fraudulent Letters...</p> <p>Just Label It Campaign Hits Million Signature Goal</p> <p>The Just Label It campaign to label genetically engineered food delivered over a million comments of support to the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA was required to respond to the petition by March 27. It took less than 180 days to accumulate the record number of comments. Read more on Just Label It...</p> <p>Senators and Reps Urge FDA to Require GMO Labeling</p> <p>Sen. Boxer and Rep. DeFazio were joined by 9 Senators and 44 Representatives in calling on the FDA to require the labeling of genetically engineered foods. The letter from the 55 Members of Congress was sent to FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg (GE) on March 12. Read more on FDA Urged to Require Labeling...</p> <p>March 2012 Organic Integrity Quarterly</p> <p>The March 2012 edition of the NOP newsletter, now called the Organic Integrity Quarterly, is now available! This issue includes updates on many important topics, including: U.S. / EU trade partnership, including reflections from Deputy Secretary Merrigan; Canada equivalency arrangement update; National List update EQIP Organic Initiative and other NRCS programs and services; Recap: 2012 certifying agent training NOP staff update Read more on Organic Integrity Quarterly...</p>	<p>NOSB Spring Meeting...</p> <p>CCOF offers Marketing 101 Webinar</p> <p>Learn the basics of how to bring your product to market from leading organic market experts, including the benefits and pitfalls of working with different market channels. Learn more on Marketing 101...</p> <hr/> <p>Check out these other tilth-worthy events!</p> 

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