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MEMBER NEWS



CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY

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Education: Organic Education Center update

The Organic Education Center is partnering with OSU Extension Service to develop and offer a new [Organic Gardening Certificate Program](#). This will be a 57-hour comprehensive training for community members to learn the knowledge and skills of organic gardening, urban agriculture and ecological landscaping. It will be similar in scope and scale to the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program with an organic gardening focus.

Research: Common NW Pests

With support from Oregon Tilth, [OSU Extension Service](#) has published a guide called [A Pocket Guide - Common Natural Enemies of Crop and Garden Pests in the Pacific Northwest](#). The publication includes macroscopic photos of many types of natural predators in their various life stages, along with identification and observation tips.

Advocacy: Working for Organic Funding

Oregon Tilth will attend a [Natural Resource Conservation Service](#) workgroup to advocate for new organic programs for the state of Oregon. NRCS programs receive funding through the Farm Bill, and new provisions in the recently passed bill provide additional funding for sustainable farming programs.

Certification: Farms Big and Small

Big farms, small farms - Oregon Tilth certifies them all! 40% of our certified farms are less than 50 acres. 45% have between 50 and 500 acres. 8% have between 501 and 1000 certified acres, and 7% have more than 1000 acres of organic farmland. Regardless of their size, these farms are contributing to a sustainable food system for us all. Find a grower in your area with our [producer search!](#)

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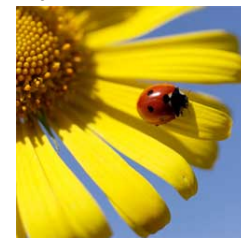
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Oregon Tilth on the air

Oregon Tilth was on KBOO radio's Locus Focus in June, talking about organics, sustainable agriculture and answering listeners' questions. [Listen](#) to the program!

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