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MEMBER NEWS



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Education: Organic Education Center update

The OEC had a full class last month with 30 participants in our Gardening Year Round workshop at [Luscher Farm](#). To meet the demand for our classes and the growing interest in urban food gardening, we will offer another workshop this month on **Fall Soil Building Techniques**, September 18 from 6:00-8:00pm. The class will cover how to build good soil tilth using inexpensive or free local materials and offer tips that will help prepare your soil for another productive growing season. [Learn more!](#)

Research: Supporting Researchers

Oregon Tilth has provided supporting funds for Oregon State University researchers in the [Department of Horticulture](#) studying cover-crops this year. Research is underway; we'll inform you of the results as they become available.

Advocacy: Accredited Certifiers Association

When you think of advocating for sustainable agriculture you may picture speaking with legislators in the political realm. But advocacy also includes working with people already in the organic industry, and that's what Oregon Tilth does as a member of the Board of Directors for the [Accredited Certifiers Association](#). Oregon Tilth was one of the founders of this group, serving on the advisory board to get it started. The ACA's primary mission is to ensure the integrity of organic certification in the United States through developing uniform criteria for implementation of the USDA National Organic Program, certifier training, and being a forum for discussion of issues impacting organic certification.

Certification: Organic Fine Dining

You probably know that Oregon Tilth certifies not just farms, but also processors, handlers and distributors, but did you know that we certify restaurants as well? It's a small segment of our operators, but we've seen an increased interest in organic restaurants in the last year. Check out our [producer search](#) page to learn who they are and where they're located.

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