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MEMBER NEWS



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Education: Get an "A" in Organicology!

Organicology, the newly coined study of a sustainable food future, is coming your way February 26-28, 2009! Whether you're an organic operator, sustainable ag activist, local foodie, or want to become one, Organicology's got something for you! Workshops, networking, speakers, celebration . . . join us and be inspired!



The Study of a Sustainable Food Fr

- Keynote Presentation: Vandana Shiva, Paul Roberts
- · All day intensive trainings
- Workshops
- Trade Show
- Entertainment and organic food

Registration now open, sponsorship opportunities available. Join Us! REGISTER TODAY!

Research: Field Study

Oregon Tilth and Oregon State University staff are working in partnership with several area farmers on several side-by-side comparisons of the Kinsey-Albrecht method of soil fertility and OSU best practices. This is a three to five year study conducted on 10 acre plots.

Advocacy: Oregon Tilth sends comments to maintain organic integrity

Twice every year the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) meets to discuss and vote on recommendations that they will make to the USDA. Oregon Tilth actively participates in these discussions by attending every meeting and commenting on issues that effect our certified operators and consumers. Upholding the organic standards, protecting consumers rights and increasing organic trade is very important to us and we actively engage in this process. The next meeting of the NOSB is to be held this month in Washington DC. Oregon Tilth has commented on several agenda items to be discussed, including: Commercial Availability of Organic Seed, Materials, Multi-site Certification and Pet Food Standards.

Certification: New Proposed Pasture Regulation

On Oct. 24th, 2008, the USDA released <u>proposed changes</u> to the NOP Final Rule regarding pasture regulations for livestock. The USDA will be accepting public comment on the proposed changes until Dec. 23rd, 2008. Oregon Tilth will be submitting comments and we encourage consumers and producers to read the proposed rule and submit comments as well

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Oregon Tilth Opens Online Store!

Get Tilthy Oregon Tilth organic cotton tees and hats are now available to order on our website! Get tilthy with our logoed apparel and show your support for sustainable agriculture!

Invite a Friend

Do you know someone who is interested in food systems that are healthy for people as well as the environment? Invite them to become a supporting member of Oregon Tilth!

Oregon Tilth is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports and promotes biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture through education, research, advocacy and product certification.

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