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MEMBER NEWS



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NEW Welcome to the new Oregon Tilth member newsletter!

In an effort to keep our members informed about Oregon Tilth, our programs, and the world of sustainable agriculture, we are introducing an email newsletter. This electronic form will help us all to cultivate communication while preserving our natural resources.

Look for us every month as we inform about upcoming events, educate about the organic standards, and connect you with other like-minded organizations. Of course you can tell us you do not wish to receive communication this way and "Opt-out" below.

Education: Get Outside!

Winter is on its way out, and so are you. Well, at least out of the house! There are plenty of classes in the area designed to get you out into the garden this spring. Check them out on our [events calendar](#)! Keep an eye out for our [Organic Education Center classes](#). Do you know of an upcoming event? [Tell us](#) about it!

Research: Nutrition

High-yield crops developed over the last several decades actually contain less nutrients than their older counterparts, according to a report by The Organic Center. "[Still No Free Lunch: Nutrient levels in U.S. food supply eroded by pursuit of high yields](#)" discusses the declining nutrient value of our food.

Advocacy: Looking back at '07

2007 was a busy year at Oregon Tilth, producing quite a list

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Did You Know?

Oregon Tilth certifies farms, handlers and processors throughout the country and internationally.

In 2007 we:

- Certified over **310,000 acres of organic land in the US**. That's a 72% increase from 2005!
- Certified over 500 handling operations in the US.

Look for more Oregon Tilth statistics in our 2008 Directory, available in mid-March!

Invite a Friend

Do you know someone who is interested in food systems

of [achievements](#)! Remember, your support helps make this possible. Please take a minute to review our work over the past year and get involved to help make 2008 even better. Thank you!

Certification: Organic Q&A

We want all of our members to be confident consumers of organic products. We are looking to expand our consumer education material and need to know what you would like to better understand. How can we help you and other consumers? Send us your questions that we can help answer.

- How do I read labels of organic products?
- What's the difference between "100% Organic" and "Organic"?
- What's on the horizon for the organic industry?

[Send us your questions now!](#)

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that are healthy for people as well as the environment? Invite them to [become a supporting member](#) of Oregon Tilth!



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