

MEMBER NEWS



CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY

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Education: Do you WWOOF?

Do you want to travel, try your hand at organic farming, and meet interesting people? Then WWOOFing might be for you! [WWOOF](#) (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) connects volunteers who are willing to work with organic farm-owning hosts in exchange for food and lodging. Check out the May/June issue of *In Good Tilth* to learn more about WWOOFing!

Research: Global reform needed

A report published by the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) has predicted that environmental and social problems are inevitable if agricultural systems are not reformed on a global scale. Read the [BBC article](#) about the report, or read the report from the [IAASTD website](#).

Advocacy: All Things Organic

Oregon Tilth staff walked the talk at Chicago's [All Things Organic](#) Conference and Trade Show, April 27th through 29th. This event brought together manufacturers, retailers, distributors, chefs, and others with the focus of growing the organic segment of the food industry.

Certification: Organic Q & A

Q: I see a lot of organic produce that comes from outside the US. Is it certified to the same standard as organic produce that's grown in the US?

A: Yes, products that are sold as certified organic in the US, regardless of what country they originate from, are certified to the USDA National Organic Program standard. This means that they are inspected annually, are subject to unannounced inspections and must respond to non-compliances in a timely manner, just like US-based farms and processors.

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Successful Ag Fest

Oregon Tilth staff helped 1,100 kids plant organic vegetable starts at the Oregon Ag Fest, April 26th and 27th. Plants were sent off with eager young gardeners in biodegradable pots to grow at home. Thank you to [The American Center for Sustainability](#) and Ra'anana Plant Propagations for donating many of the vegetable starts!



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