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MEMBER NEWS

OEC Partnering with Allium!

On December 5th, the OEC is partnering with a neighborhood bistro called Allium in West Linn, Oregon. The restaurant features local producers and organizations with a sustainable focus once a month at their restaurant in the Neighborhood Dinners. The Demonstration Gardens at Luscher Farm will be the December focus. "The Farm Comes to Allium" - 10% of the proceeds from this dinner will go to the OEC in assisting the growth of educational programs.

Allium
a neighborhood bistro

Don't forget to check out these other tilth-worthy events...

Registration is now open for Organicology 2011!

ORGANICOLOGY
The Study of a Sustainable Food Future

With intensive training sessions, workshops, world class keynote speakers, amazing entertainment and much celebration and networking, Organicology is a conference of its own class. We strive to bring you the newest research and education tracks, while offering ample time to celebrate and network. We look forward to seeing you there! Check it out!

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! Members of Oregon Tilth receive the bi-monthly In Good Tilth Magazine, discounts to events and classes and more!

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NOSB 2010 Fall Report

USDA Posts Searchable Database on Certified Organic Operations

Food Safety Bill - Small Farms to be Exempt

Twice a year the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) meets to receive public comment, discuss and vote on committee recommendations, and handle Board administrative matters. Recent topics included:

- A Report from the Deputy Administrator of the National Organic Program
- NOSB Recommendations and Decisions regarding crop, livestock, handling operations, and materials used.
- Certification, Accreditation, and Compliance Committee (CACC) on "Made with organic" labelling.

Read the NOSB Fall Report.

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is responsible for providing oversight to accrediting certifying agents and their certification of organic production and handling operations. They've posted a searchable database of organic operations and products. You can search based on:

- Certifying Agency
- Operations
- Primary and Secondary Scopes
- State
- Country
- Product

Be sure to check out the USDA database. Also, Oregon Tilth has a searchable database for operations certified by OT!

Some small farms will be exempt from government efforts to prevent foodborne illness under a Senate agreement on food safety legislation announced on October 19th.

Operators of smaller farms and advocates for locally produced food have worried that the bill's requirements could force small farms out of business. The Senate agreed that farmers who make less than $500,000 a year and sell directly to consumers, restaurants or grocery stores within their states or within 275 miles of their farms to avoid expensive food safety plans required for larger operations.

Read more on the Food Safety Bill

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