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MEMBER NEWS



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Spring into Gardening!

The OEC is in full swing this spring and our urban agriculture classes have begun. Our education team is enjoying getting their hands dirty this spring in our Demonstration Gardens while teaching more classes than ever before. Some upcoming additions this year include an improved chicken tractor, an asparagus demonstration bed, a new class on Growing Food in the City with Whole Foods and a Farm Field Day with local chefs this Summer - so stayed tuned.



Highlights for March Classes:

- Our most popular series for Beginner Gardeners: COG (Comprehensive Organic Gardener). A multi-session program in organic vegetable gardening. This is a hands-on class that takes place at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego. March 3 – March 24
- Sow Your Seeds, March 2 in NE Portland
- Garden Staples: Small Grains, Corn and Beans, March 9 in NE Portland

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**FoodHub Membership
Fee Waived Through
May 1st**

**Conventional Growers
to Sue to Reverse
USDA's GE Alfalfa
Deregulation**

**Audio Recordings for
Organicology Available
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FoodHub, the online marketplace where Northwest wholesale food buyers and sellers connect and conduct business, turned one at the beginning of this month. Recognizing that this dynamic platform's ability to catalyze and facilitate connections rests on critical mass and active engagement among members, Ecotrust, the creator of FoodHub, is waiving the \$100 annual membership now through May 1st with an aim to rapidly build its active user base.

[Free FoodHub Membership - Limited Time Offer](#)

The Center for Food Safety's Executive Director Andrew Kimbrell says the research of GE alfalfa needs to be done before deregulation, not after. He also points out that USDA's announcement didn't address concerns pertaining to liability for losses caused by GE contamination of conventional and organic alfalfa.

[Read more on the fight against GE alfalfa.](#)

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