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Education: Organicology Registration Deadline Extended!

There's still time to register for Organicology, and now the registration deadline has been extended! Don't miss out on these three days of education, entertainment and community! Space is limited - register now!

Research: Pest evolves resistance to GM cotton

The Organic Farming Research Foundation website reports that a University of Arizona study has documented the evolved resistance of the cotton bollworm moth to Bt cotton, a genetically modified crop.

Advocacy: Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development

Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development works at the grassroots level to promote a sustainable, local food system. Oregon Tilth partners with Cascade Pacific RC&D on the upcoming annual Local Food Connection event, which links farmers and food buyers.

Certification: 2008 Growth Statistics

The Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO) program continued to enjoy significant growth in 2008. OTCO issued certificates for 208 new applicants in 2008, split evenly across farms (105 new farms) and handlers/processors (103 new operations). This represents an 18% growth in number of certified operators.

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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5 Things Not To Miss At Organicology:

1. Dr. Vandana Shiva's keynote address

2. *The End of Food* author Paul Roberts

3. Rockabilly and blues band The Pheromones

4. Portland Taiko Drummers

5. Wine, beer and potato tasting - back by popular demand!

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