

# Organic Agriculture Extension Survey 2008

## Background

As of Sept 1, 2007 the COABC, with financial support from BCMAL, has delivered extension services to the BC Organic Community. To further develop and sustain this opportunity we need feedback from the agriculture sector. Please help us by completing this short survey.

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1. Have you received assistance from the COABC Organic Extension Agent?
  - a. Yes. (proceed to question 2)
  - b. No, but I was not aware of the service. (*proceed to question 3*)
  - c. No, but I was aware of the service. (*proceed to question 4*)
  
2. Each time you have used the Organic Extension Agent's services, were you satisfied with the outcome? (*once this question is complete proceed to question 4*)
  - a. Yes.
  - b. No. If no, please explain

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3. If you had been aware of these extension services, would you have used it?
  - a. Yes.
  - b. No. If no, please explain

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4. Circle below what you feel the Organic Extension Agent's priorities should be with (1) being the most and (5) being the least important for the Extension Agent to complete.

Service Category	High	Med/High	Medium	Med/Low	Low
a. One-on-one questions and answers (telephone, email, or in person) regarding salient issues about organic production systems, standards, and materials	1	2	3	4	5
b. Researching and providing information on organic production, standards, materials, and brand name products	1	2	3	4	5
c. Develop printed materials	1	2	3	4	5
d. Visit operations	1	2	3	4	5
e. Participate in standards development	1	2	3	4	5
f. Hold information seminars, workshops	1	2	3	4	5
g. Develop certification applications/forms	1	2	3	4	5
h. Complete field tours	1	2	3	4	5
i. Assist with On-Farm Research projects	1	2	3	4	5

5. It would be helpful if we knew roughly who you are. Please indicate this by selecting as many of the following that are accurate.
 

Farming       Processing/Packing       Distributing       Student  
 Academic       Transitioning to Organic       Organic       CB member  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ **(see other side)**

6. What aspects of organic agriculture or in your particular growing or processing operation would benefit the most from greater extension support efforts?

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7. What do you see as the greatest needs for extension over the next five years, and how might the COABC seek to deliver such services?

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8. Do you have other comments about the COABC extension service or its future directions?

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