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**Certified
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Think BC Organic

What is ThinkBCOrganic and #FarmerFriday all about? The print and social media campaign, based on the successful ThinkCanadaOrganic campaign, focused on educating BC consumers and building trust in certified organic, while providing organic farmers with resources to help you communicate with your customers. The campaign made it clear that British Columbians want to get to know BC organic farmers – so help keep the momentum going! Check out the case study for valuable insights, and find out how to easily augment your farm’s social media.

For more information: <http://media.thinkcanadaorganic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/farmerfriday-casestudy.pdf>

Organic Week

Canada’s National Organic Week (17 - 25 Sept.2016) is the largest annual celebration of organic food, farming and products across the country. Hundreds of individual events showcase the benefits of organic agriculture and its positive impact on the environment.

Last year, events included anything from pickling workshops to recipes contests, farm tours, or organic food and drink tastings in retail locations across the country. If you want to get involved in organic week this year check out the Organic Week events section or plan an event in your community and let us know about it so that we can share it in our events section. COABC

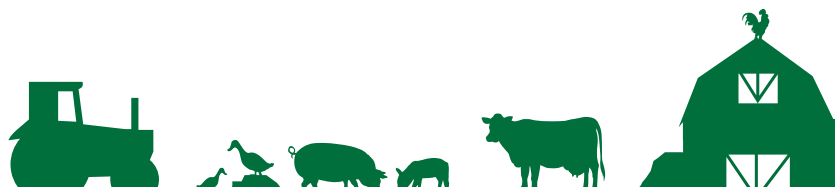
Organic Week Road show: details to follow in the August Enews.

GM Labeling Bill

Source: COG

On June 14, New Democrat MP Pierre Luc Dusseault (Sherbrooke) tabled Bill C-291, calling for the mandatory labeling of Genetically Modified (GM) foods.

Prior to the announcement, COG had the unique opportunity to review and discuss the Bill with M. Dusseault. At this meeting, COG was able offer feedback, recommending changes to the wording of the Bill to use ‘Genetically Engineered’ as opposed to ‘Genetically Modified’ so as to ensure that the proposed legislation will facilitate transparency. M. Dusseault was very receptive to COG’s feedback and agreed to seek COG’s input as Bill C-291 progresses through the legislative process.





Events

The OFC wants to know your opinion

COMMENT PERIOD – July 4 to August 4
Please comment - organicfederation.ca

Isolation distances. How should the note in 5.2.2 on isolation distances for preventing GE contamination be used in the enforcement of 5.2.2 d)? (282)

Alfalfa seed production. Does the note in 5.2.2 d), “(for seed production)”, refer to the organic alfalfa or to the GE alfalfa? (282A)

Parallel production. Is parallel production in livestock prohibited? If so under what circumstances might it be allowed? (283)

Nutritional requirements – early lactation. (6.4.3 g) Can dairy cows be fed more than 40% grain in early lactation when their energy requirements are highest? (295)

More questions:

- Use of non-organic feed
- GE vaccines
- Spray bandage
- Plants sold in pots
- Parallel production
- GMO free formulants
- Magnesium lignosulphate
- Processes - biobased biodegradable mulches

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Seed Production

John Navazio Seed Production Workshop and Field Day

Registration: eventbrite.ca

More information:
farmfolkcityfolk.ca

Nanaimo

When: 19–22 July, 9am–4pm
Location: Nanaimo Urban Farm

Chilliwack

When: 21–22 July, 9am–4pm
Location: The Local Harvest Market, 7697 Lickman Road, Chilliwack

The 2nd Canadian Organic Science Conference

Sharing research that grows organic

When: Sept 19 - 21 2016

Two days of conference presentations at the Sandman Hotel Montreal-Longueuil, a banquet, and a field day of farm visits to organic farms in Quebec.

Registration: www.craaq.qc.ca

Location: Hotel Sandman Montréal-Longueuil
999, rue de Sérigny, Longueuil

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COABC Road show

When: Sept. 17 -25, 2016

The COABC Road show will be in the following communities this year (details to TBD as the planning and coordination for the road show proceeds).

Location: Victoria, UBC, KPU, Penticton, Kelowna, Pemberton, Kamloops, Prince George, Dunster, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Smithers, Terrace

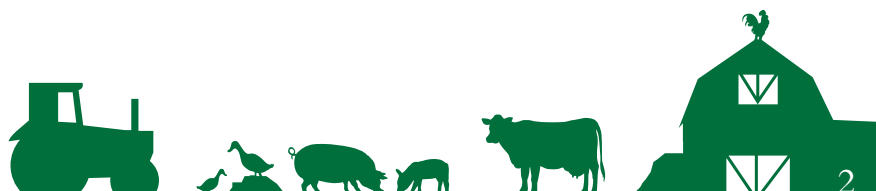
Resetting the Table

Food Secure Canada's 9th Assembly

When: Oct 13-16 2016

In Toronto in partnership with Ryerson University, Toronto Food Policy Council, Sustain Ontario, FoodShare Toronto, Community Food Centre Canada.

More information:
foodsecurecanada.org





REMINDERS

BCCO Logo

ISO operators are fortunate to be able to use the Canada Organic label AND the BC Checkmark side by side.

The logo of the BC Certified Organic program is a key tool to identify certified organic products in BC. It is important that the symbol is used correctly; here is a quick reminder, especially for websites and the exclusion zone (white space.)



The Program Symbol is enclosed by a black border. The border ensures that the appropriate white space or exclusion zone is provided

around the composite mark. The Program Symbol must be enclosed by the border if the Symbol is applied against colored or complex backgrounds. However, if the background is white or off-white, it may be desirable to omit the border while ensuring the appropriate exclusion zone.

Complaints

Submission Form

Canada Organic Office complaint submission form can be found at www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php.

For complaints against an interprovincial traded product see the COO complaint form at certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php "www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php".

Complaints on this form are to be directed to the Canada Organic Office directly mail to: OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca

Planning a move?

If you change your address or contact information send it to your CB office as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on receiving the BC Organic Grower and other materials.

Meanwhile, on social media...

The third #ThinkBCOrganic video featuring ALM Farm was viewed more than 19,000 times and shared 173 times!

Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/-PgI9dalx4U>



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Newsletter Links

BC Agriculture Council
COABC is a member under the
Community Agriculture seat:

<http://www.bcac.bc.ca/>

OFC info-bio:

www.organicfederation.ca/newsletter

BCSPCA:

<http://www.spc.ca/>

Organic Questions?

Try CYBER-HELP!

www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/rcbtoa/index

