



British
Columbia
**Certified
Organic**

Organic Week Road show September 17 - 25, 2016

It's time to celebrate Organic Week, and we're hitting the road to bring you the latest and greatest in organic!

From Certification 101 and Marketing for Farmers to the Organic Okanagan Festival and the Juicery's Farm to Bottle, there's something here for everyone, farmers and food lovers alike. So come on down and join the 100% certified organic fun! For event details please go to the COABC website and Facebook page.

Certification Basics and Beyond with Rochelle Eisen in Prince George, Dunster, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Smithers and Terrace

DIY Animal Feed with Dr. Robert Blair and Dr. Masoumeh Bejaei at UBC Farm, 3461 Ross Drive, Vancouver

Marketing for Farmers with Darcy Smith, in classroom 1840 on the KPU Richmond Campus

Farm to Bottle – Christina Prevost at the Pemberton Farmer's Market. Location: Community Barn at 7438 Frontier Street

CB Support – Cara Nunn the administrator for NOOA and SOOPA at the Kamloops Farmer's Market. Location: 200 block of St Paul St. and the Stuart Wood schoolyard

Value Added- Candice Appleby at the Vancouver Island Visitor Centre boardroom, 101-3607 Small Rd., Cumberland

Organic Online System

COABC is excited to announce that we are currently developing the Organic Online System. This innovative online transition tool will streamline the application and certification process, saving you time, paperwork, and money. As well, the tool will facilitate applications for the anticipated increase in transition of new entrants as a result of the government's initiative to regulate the term organic

The online information entered by applicants will populate a high functioning database. Currently unavailable statistics on the BC Organic Sector will become available, enabling the sector to identify gaps in the value chain, encourage smart growth, and track the impact of organics in BC over the short and long term. This information is essential for the success of new entrants to the sector and will result in well rounded growth of organic in BC!





Events

Review of the Canadian Organic Standards

The Canadian Organic Standards will be amended

In order to clarify the scope of some clauses or to make them compatible with the practices of the industry, modifications are proposed to the two Canadian Organic Standards, CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015 – Organic Production Systems– General Principles and Management Standards and CAN/CGSB-32.311-2015 – Organic Production Systems – Permitted Substances Lists, published November 25th 2015.

The sector is invited to comment these proposed modifications under the public review coordinated by the Canadian General Standards Board which will run from August 26 to September 25 2016.

- III. Organic practices
- Crop Production 4.4.6
- Sprouts, shoots and micro-greens production 7.4
- Greenhouse Crops 7.5

Plus more...

Please go to:
www.federationbiologique.ca for more information or to read about the proposed modifications.

To comment, contact:
info@organicfederation.ca

Organic Week 2016

The COABC Road show will be in the following communities this year. For event details please go to the COABC Facebook page or certifiedorganic.bc.ca

Cara Nunn - Kamloops
Sept. 17 -
 Kamloops Farmer's Market, 200 block of St Paul St. and the Stuart Wood schoolyard

Dr. Blair and Dr. Bejaei, UBC
Sept. 17 - 1:00pm-4:30pm
 3461 Ross Drive, Vancouver

Candice Appleby - Cumberland
Sept. 22 - 3:30pm-5:00pm
 Location: Visitor Centre boardroom, 101-3607 Small Rd.

Christina Prevost - Pemberton
Sept. 23 - 5:00pm
 Location: Pemberton Farmers Market, 7438 Frontier Street

Darcy Smith
Sept. 23 - 10:00am
 Location: Classroom 1840, KPU Richmond Campus

Organic Okanagan Festival
Sept. 25 - 1:00pm
 Transition Panel with moderator Bob McCoubrey

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Northern Tour - COABC Road show
 In partnership with Beyond the Market

Organic certification and transitioning to organics with Rochelle Eisen in the following communities:

Sept. 17 - 9:00am-12:00pm
 Prince George (Community Futures Training Room, 1566, Seventh Ave)

Sept. 18 - 1:00 -4:00pm, Dunster (Dunster Fine Arts School 8252 Dunster-Croyden Rd.)

Sept. 19 - 1:00 -4:00pm
 Fort St. James (Municipal Office, 477 Stuart Drive West)

Sept. 19 - 6:00pm-9:00pm
 Vanderhoof (Community Futures Board Room, 2750 Burrard Ave)

Sept. 20 - 5:30pm-8:30pm
 Smithers (Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, 3251 East Hwy 16)

Sept. 21 - 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Terrace (Community Futures Board Room, 4734 Lazelle Ave #101)





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 or 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...

BC's organic farmers are getting all sorts of attention these days - we shared this excellent article on Klippers Organic

Acres to reach more than 1600 people!



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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.bc.ca/>

Organic Questions?

Try CYBER-HELP!

www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/rcbtoa/index

