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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ORGANIC SECTOR

On August 24, Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, joined farmers and organic stakeholders at Wild Flight Farm in Mara to announce funding for Canada's organic sector. The Organic Federation of Canada will receive \$8,342,222 from the government of Canada for the Organic Science Cluster 3 (OSC3) under the theme 'Connecting environmental sustainability with the science of organic agriculture.'

Minister MacAulay also announced \$292,555 for launching a study on funding mechanisms to ensure the sustainability of organic associations across the country. This contribution also supports the review of the Canadian Organic Standards (COS) that must occur every five years to modernize and update the COS.

Read more here: bit.ly/2BS8o0H

COABC ACCREDITATION BOARD MEMBERS

COABC's Accreditation Board (AB) is seeking one new BCCOP Producer member and two new Certification/Inspection members for a three year term, starting in October 2018. Apply by September 15, 2018. For more info and to apply, please visit: certifiedorganic.bc.ca/contacts/jobposting.php

YA BUSINESS MENTORSHIP COORDINATOR POSITION

Young Agrarians is seeking a dynamic individual who is capable of taking a leadership role to support farm viability for new and young farmers in B.C. The primary focus of this position will be to coordinate Young Agrarians Business focused

on pairing up new farms in start-up with farmer business mentors. Apply by 5pm, Monday, September 10, 2018. For more info and to apply, please visit: youngagrarians.org/job-young-agrarians-business-mentorship-coordinator-contract-position/

ORGANIC PRICE LIST

The Organic Price List is once again being posted to the COABC website and will be updated weekly.

The Organic Price List is an important market pricing reference to help growers sell product without overcharging and losing sales, or worse, undercharging and eroding the market price for other growers. certifiedorganic.bc.ca/services/organicpricelist.php

COG: JOIN NATIONAL, SUPPORT LOCAL

Canadian Organic Growers (COG) allows members and supporters to direct a portion of their membership contribution to their regional organic organisations, including COABC! If you haven't already, please join COG and support COABC: cog.ca/home/support-our-work/become-a-member/



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ORGANIC SCIENCE CLUSTER 3

The Organic Federation of Canada (OFC) in collaboration with the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC) at Dalhousie University are pleased to introduce Organic Science Cluster 3 (OSC3): Connecting Environmental Sustainability with the Science of Organic Production. OSC3 is supported by the AgriScience Program under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Partnership (an investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments) and by over 70 partners from the agricultural community.

Organic Science Cluster 3 provides funding for 28 research activities. Work will be done by 60 researchers at 15 AAFC research centres and 14 universities/research institutions across Canada. Research will also take place at almost 150 Canadian farms. Forty-one graduate students are expected to participate. OSC3 research:

- Targets environmental challenges associated with agriculture,
- Supports new crop and variety development to diversify risk management options in a increasingly turbulent economic and ecological environment,
- Identifies low risk solutions to address pest problems,
- Explores options for improving the health and welfare of livestock,
- Transfers scientific knowledge to stakeholders in a form that they can use, and
- Builds scientific capacity in ecologically-based agricultural production.

Learn more: organicfederation.ca/sites/documents/OSC%20Brochure_P3.pdf

ORGANIC WEEK

When: Sep 8-16, 2018
Where: Across Canada!

Canada's National Organic Week is the largest annual celebration of organic food, farming, and products across the country: organicweek.ca

FEAST OF FIELDS

When: Sep 9, 2018 | 1-5pm
Where: UBC Farm, 3461 Ross Dr, Vancouver BC

Experience the harvest, gourmet style – and visit COABC's table: feastoffields.com

CHEESE MAKING WORKSHOP

When: Sep 8-12, 2018
Where: Bear Valley Highlands 592 Bear Valley Rd, Lumby, BC

Join David Asher for a 5 day cheese making workshop .David Asher is the author of the book *The Art of Natural Cheese Making*, an organic farmer, farmstead cheese maker, and cheese educator based on the Gulf Islands of British Columbia, Canada.

A guerrilla cheesemaker, David does not make cheese according to standard industrial philosophies – he explores traditionally cultured and organic methods of cheesemaking:

bearvalleyhighlands.com/cheese-making-workshop/

SALIX AND SEDGE FARM TOUR & POTLUCK

When: Sep 14, 2018 | 5pm
Where: 204 Curwen Rd, Salmo BC

Join Young Agrarians at Salix and Sedge in Salmo, BC for a farm tour & potluck social! Please bring a dish to share, tools to eat with and a chair or a blanket: youngagrarians.org/2018_salixandsedge/

WILD SALMON CARAVAN

When: Sep 22-29, 2018
Where: Various

Celebrate the spirit of wild salmon through the arts and culture in a way that will nurture the creative energy that wild salmon have inspired through the ages.

Traveling from unceded territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations to the unceded territory of the Secwepemc (Shuswap) People at the Adams River: wildsalmoncaravan.ca





REMINDERS

BCCO LOGO

COR 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

BC Certified Organic Checkmark complaint information can be found at: certifiedorganic.bc.ca/standards/complaints.php.

For complaints against an interprovincial traded product see the COR complaint form at inspection.gc.ca/food/organic-products/file-a-complaint/eng/1518546270126/1518546271092

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.

ORGANIC PRICE LIST

View the Organic Price List, updated weekly, here: certifiedorganic.bc.ca/services/organicpricelist.php

COABC YOUTUBE VIDEOS

COABC has some awesome videos up on our YouTube channel. Watch, share, and spread a little organic inspiration! As we eagerly await spring, our current favourite is all about seeds: "Watching seeds sprout is pure magic," says Arzeena Hamir, one of the growers who shared their love of seeds with us for this video. Check out *Seeds of Knowledge* and other videos featuring BC Organic farmers here: youtube.com/watch?v=DUCBF_L0Bg



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NEWSLETTER LINKS

BC Agriculture Council:
COABC is a member under the
Community Agriculture seat
www.bcac.bc.ca

OFC info-bio:
www.organicfederation.ca/newsletter

BCSPCA:
www.sPCA.bc.ca

CYBER HELP

Cyberhelp for Farmers is currently being redeveloped.

