



Oregon Organic Coalition Announces Organically Grown in Oregon Week

Governor Brown proclaims September 13th-19th Organically Grown in Oregon Week in recognition of Oregon's thriving organic industry.

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The Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC) is pleased to announce that Governor Kate Brown has officially declared the dates for Organically Grown in Oregon Week (OGOW) for September 13th-19th, 2015. This week-long celebration of Oregon's organic agriculture and industry will be highlighted by the presentation of the 2015 OOC Awards for Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, September 15th, at the Ecotrust Building in Portland, OR. Gwendolyn Wyard, Regulatory Director of Organic Standards and Food Safety, from the Organic Trade Association will keynote the event.

The OOC is now calling for nominations to recognize outstanding members of the organic trade in the following categories:

- Farm: Crops (organization)
- Farm: Livestock (organization)
- Farm worker (organization)
- Farm worker (individual)
- Processor (organization)
- Wholesaler (organization)
- Consumer Advocacy (organization)
- Organic Policy Analyst (individual)
- Environment & Health (organization)
- Certifier (organization)
- Retailer (organization)
- Scientist (individual)
- Organic advocate (individual)

[Nomination forms](#) can be found on the OOC website, as well as information on specific events and promotional support materials! The deadline to submit nominations is August 1st. Visit www.oregonorganiccoalition.org or email info@oregonorganiccoalition.org

About Organically Grown in Oregon Week

Organically Grown in Oregon Week is a tradition that began in 1988 as a means for celebrating Oregon's organic industry and recognizing the leaders of Oregon's organic movement.



[The Governor's proclamation](#) highlights the rapidly expanding organic sector of the state's agricultural economy. In the proclamation, Governor Brown also acknowledges Oregon's unique stature as a leader in organic agriculture, highlighted by the first organic standards legislation in 1973, the first published organic certification standards in 1987, and the first establishment of a statewide advocacy group - the Oregon Organic Coalition - to help promote the organic industry. Organic agriculture is a vital segment of Oregon's economy with 343 certified organic farms, that brought in over \$150 million in farm-gate sales in 2011, with nearly 14% projected growth.

Many Oregon businesses, organizations and retailers will be celebrating OGOW with exciting events like farm tours, wine tastings, and special promotions. If you're interested in hosting an OGOW event or would like more information on sponsorship or promotional materials, contact Stacy Kraker at skraker@organicallygrown.com or call 541-246-1856.

About the Oregon Organic Coalition

The Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC) is a trade support organization, working to advance the development and growth of the organic industry and community in Oregon. The OOC consists of a wide array of key players in Oregon's organic industry who volunteer their time and energy—from farmers to wholesalers and processors, as well as organic certifiers, scientists, consumers and retailers. The OOC acts as an organizing body, providing direction and endorsement of activities in promotion of Oregon's organic trade, such as the re-enlivening of OGOW every September and advocating for continued federal support for organic research at Oregon State University.

Sponsor OGOW and the Awards for Excellence Luncheon and be recognized as a leader in Oregon's organic industry!

As a 501(c)(6) organization, revenue from our supporters is key to the work of the OOC. Your contribution to the OOC supports the celebration of OGOW, as well as the work we do year-round as an organic trade advocacy group. We accept and appreciate sponsorship at any level and offer great benefits for businesses and individuals. The greatest benefit of your support is the continued work and engagement of the OOC for promotion and advocacy of Oregon's organic trade!

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