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Nominate Exceptional Leaders in the Organic Trade for the Prestigious OOC Awards for Excellence, by August 20th!

In recognition of Oregon's thriving organic industry, the Oregon Organic Coalition announces 'Organically Grown in Oregon' Week to take place September 16-22, 2018.

EUGENE, Ore. – *August 14, 2018* – The Oregon Organic Coalition is calling for final submissions for nominations for the 2018 Awards for Excellence, the annual recognition of farmers, food processors, researchers, retailers, and individuals who are leading the state's organic sector. To be considered for this prestigious award, nominees are required to qualify in a variety of categories, including innovation in organic practices; service to the industry; expansion of organic business opportunities; and overall achievement in the state's organic industry. **The nomination deadline is Monday, August 20th.**

2017 recipients included Hopworks Urban Brewery, Stellar Certification Services, Dr. Ramon Seidler, Ph.D., Oregon's Wild Harvest, Lebanon Auction Yard, Bridges Produce and Groundwork Organics.

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of *Organically Grown in Oregon Week*, 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 week-long celebration of the organic agricultural industry will include regional events, along with tastings of local organic foods and beverages, farm tours, and grassroots events. For information about participating in *Organically Grown in Oregon Week*, contact Stacy Kraker stacykraker@yahoo.com

Organically Grown in Oregon Week is presented by the Oregon Organic Coalition, with generous support from Hummingbird Wholesale, Mountain Rose Herbs, Organically Grown Company, Oregon Tilth, and member farmers, retailers, organic advocates and more. For a full list of OGOW supporters, member businesses, as well as a complete schedule of OGOW events, visit www.oregonorganiccoalition.org

About Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC)

The 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.

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