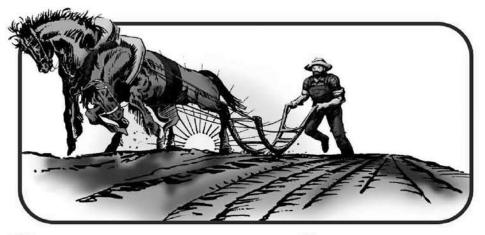


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# CCOF Foundation Steps Up with Going Organic Program

BY CATHY HOLDEN CCOF FOUNDATION CHAIR

elcome to the CCOF Foundation.

When I'm out representing the CCOF Foundation I often have to explain to folks that there are now three dis-



tinct organizations in the CCOF family: CCOF, Inc., the trade association; CCOF Certification Services, LLC; and the CCOF Foundation. All three are non-profit or-



ganizations with separate legal structures, finances, and responsibilities. Over three years ago, CCOF, Inc. and CCOF Certification Services

separated their functions. During that same approximate time, the CCOF Foundation was created to pursue research and education opportunities beneficial to organic agriculture and the CCOF family.

The CCOF Foundation's mission is to enhance human health and protect the environment by promoting the production and consumption of nutritious organic food, with an emphasis on educating producers and their advisers to help foster the growth of organic agriculture.

# **Going Organic Program**

The CCOF Foundation launched the Going Organic pilot program in 2003 in CCOF's North Valley, North Coast, and Fresno-Tulare chapters, funded by the Heller Foundation and CCOF, Inc. The program's goals are to address the real and perceived barriers to organic farming, and to provide peer-to-peer training to farmers who are new to organic production.

Going Organic is currently expanding to include CCOF Chapters in the Central Valley, supported by a three-year grant from the California Water Resources Control Board focused on improving the water quality of the Central Valley watershed. We're hearing a nice buzz from the field with chapter leaders reporting reinvigorated member interest and enthusiasm.

At this time, we are actively recruiting both mentors and trainees in the seven participating chapters. To learn more about the Going Organic program, please read Fred Thomas' informative article on page 12. Fred's contact information is below. Also visit www.ccof.org for additional information about the program.

# We Want to Hear from You!

As we plan ahead for the Foundation's future, we are looking for winning ideas to help advance the interests of organic agriculture and CCOF. We hope to extend opportunities to all CCOF chapters in the future. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) public-benefit corporation, the Foundation is able to receive funding from many sources: government programs and private foundations, and tax-deductible contributions from businesses and individuals.

Please let us know what your organic farming, handling, and processing needs and challenges are. Share your ideas for projects and funding sources. We'd love to hear from you.

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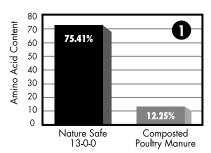
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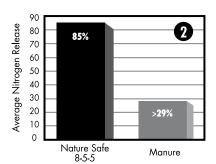
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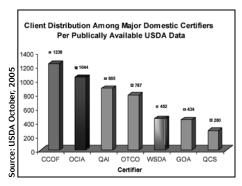
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# News in Organic and at CCOF

# **CCOF** the Premier Certifier in the USA

According to recent figures from the USDA, CCOF is the largest organic certifier in the country. CCOF issued over 1,200 organic certificates in the year identified in official listings of organic farms and processors. This represents a little over 11% of the approximately 11,000 organic companies included



in the USDA's current listings. The Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) follows with 1,044 clients and 9% of the total, while listings for Quality Assurance International (QAI) show a third-place ranking of 885 clients and 8% of certified businesses.

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# **CCOF Member Survey Yields Huge Returns**

Early indications show that 9 out of 10 CCOF certified members would recommend CCOF to others! Thank you to all the CCOF members who completed our recent membership survey. An amazing return rate of more than 30% ensures an accurate sample! Watch for a report and analysis of the results in the near future. We've learned important information about which services are valued by our members and how we can improve your experience with CCOF. In the coming months, you'll be pleased to see a variety of improvements and efforts to enhance your experience with CCOF. Thanks again for your input!

Additionally, CCOF certifies more than 218,000 acres of land (resulting in a single-year increase of over 28%), lists more than 800 certified products, and certifies 1,347 businesses as of January 1, 2006. We're pleased to see such a high percentage of the organic operations in the United States are choosing to support CCOF's certification with integrity, education services, trade support, and political advocacy efforts. Together, we can keep organic standards strong.

# New Members Named to National Organic Standards Board

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns recently announced the appointment of six new members to the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The following appointees will serve terms beginning January 24, 2006, and ending January 24, 2011. Certifier member: Joseph Smillie; Consumer/Public Interest members: Daniel Giacomini, Jennifer Hall and Katrina Heinze; Producer members: Kevin Engelbert and Jeffrey Moyer. The new appointees represent a broad spectrum of expertise in the U.S. organic producing and consuming sectors and bring a wealth of experience to the NOSB. Smillie is with Quality Assurance International. Giacomini is an independent dairy nutrition consultant with years of experience in advising farmers and dairies about organic dairy nutrition. Hall is an advocate for anti-hunger policies and provides consulting to restaurants in Seattle seeking to maintain organic integrity. Heinze is the manager of global regulatory affairs for General Mills where she is responsible for food safety and regulatory matters. Engelbert is a fifth-generation crop and dairy farmer in upstate New York. Moyer is the farm manager at the Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania.

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# **New Calendars Highlight Organic Farmers**

The Napa Valley Winegrowers and Marin Organic have both produced new calendars highlighting growers. Highlighting women in agriculture, the Napa Valley Winegrowers Women in Wine Growing Calendar features five CCOF certified growers from Frog's Leap, Long Meadow Ranch, and Spottswoode wineries. The beautiful calendar highlights the diverse contributions of female farmers and winemakers in the Napa area. The calendar from Marin Organic presents many faces of sustainable agriculture in Marin County, California. This calendar is also full of CCOF growers and alumni and features wonderful photos from CCOF certified Wild Blue Farm, McEvoy Ranch, and Green Gulch Farm. Both calendars represent important recognition for the people who produce high-quality sustainable food and wine while protecting the environment and natural resources. Visit www.womeninwinegrowing.com and www.marinorganic. com/2006\_calendar to learn more and order a copy.

# **CCOF Supports Biodiversity Efforts**

The Wild Farm Alliance (WFA) has recently produced a series of guides designed to highlight the importance of Biodiversity conservation on organic farms. The first, titled "Biodiversity Conservation - An Organic Certifier's Guide," helps organic certifiers understand the connections between biodiversity practices, considerations and organic standards.



CCOF Inspections Operations Director Sean Feder discusses Biodiversity with long-time CCOF certified farmer, Dennis Dierks of Paradise Valley Produce.

This guide has been sent to all USDA accredited organic certifiers and is meant to help increase awareness among certifiers about this issue. The second guide, "Biodiversity Conservation - An Organic Farmer's Guide," has been mailed to all organic producers in the country and provides growers with resources and strategies for addressing biodiversity in their farming practices. WFA, CCOF, and numerous CCOF growers have collaborated to research the efficacy and applicability of biodiversity considerations within organic farm plans and certification programs. Recently, the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) adopted biodiversity questions into their model Organic System Plan. CCOF supports biodiversity in organic agriculture and will keep you informed as these efforts continue.

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# The GE Front

# Study Reveals Long-Term GM Contamination

Startling new government research shows genetically modified (GM) crops are contaminating the British country-side for up to 15 years after they have been harvested. The findings cast doubt over the prospects of growing the GM crops in Britain.

British ministers have stipulated that the crops should not be grown until rules are developed to enable them to "co-exist" with non-GM crops. But, this new study shows that this is virtually impossible.

Published by the Royal Society, the study focused on five sites across England and Scotland where modified oilseed rape has been cultivated. Significant amounts of GM plants were found growing even after the sites had been returned to non-GM crops.

The researchers found that nine years after a single modified crop, an average of two GM rape plants would grow in every square meter of an affected field. After 15 years, this came down to one plant per square meter – still enough to break the European Commission's limits on permissible GM contamination.

# Rat Study Reveals Major GM Concerns

Irina Ermakova, a leading scientist at the Institute of Higher Nervous Activity and Neurophysiology planned a simple experiment to see if eating genetically modified (GM) soy might influence offspring. She was amazed at the results of her study.

Ermakova added GM soy flour (5-7 grams) to the diet of female rats. Other females were fed either non-GM soy or no soy at all. The experimental diet began two weeks before the rats conceived and continued through pregnancy and nursing.

When the rats started giving birth, Ermakova noticed that some pups from GM-fed mothers were quite a bit smaller. After two weeks, 36% of them weighed less than 20 grams, compared to about 6% of the other groups.

Another surprise came when the rats started dying. Within three weeks, 25 of the 45 (55.6%) rats from the GM soy group died, compared to only 3 of 33 (9%) from the non-GM soy group and 3 of 44 (6.8%) from the non-soy controls.

The soy used in the study was Monsanto's Roundup Ready variety. Its DNA has been manipulated to allow the soy plant to survive applications of Monsanto's "Roundup" herbicide. About 85% of the soy grown in the United States is Roundup Ready. Because soy derivatives are found in the majority of processed foods sold in the United States, many Americans unknowingly eat ingredients derived from Roundup Ready soy every day. The FDA does not require any safety tests on GM foods.

Jeffrey Smith, author of Seeds of Deception, presented

Ermakova's findings, with her permission, at the annual conference of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) in October 2005. In response, the AAEM board passed a resolution asking the U.S. National Institutes of Health to sponsor an immediate, independent follow up of the study. Dr. Jim Willoughly, the Academy's president, said, "Genetically modified soy, corn, canola, and cottonseed oil are being consumed daily by a significant proportion of our population. We need rigorous, independent and long-term studies to evaluate if these foods put the population at risk."

### **GMO** Activists March on Molokai

About 20 protestors of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on the island of Molokai, Hawaii, were allowed inside a company meeting of Monsanto's Hawaii Research during November. The protestors left when they couldn't get answers from executives. A majority of the estimated 150 people in attendance were Monsanto employees who were

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# 2005 in Review

hile 2004 marked a year of struggle and hardship for CCOF, 2005 proved to be a year of positive change and financial stability. During 2005, CCOF accomplished a great deal on behalf of members, consumers and the organic marketplace.

# Legislation

In light of the outcome of the Harvey v. Johanns lawsuit, CCOF attempted to participate in discussions surrounding proposed changes to the Organic Farming Production Act (OFPA) of 1990. We contacted legislators by letter and by phone urging them not to change the OFPA until groups and individuals within the organic industry could discuss options and alternatives. We joined with more than 300,000 businesses and individuals who expressed concern about the manner in which the proposed changes were eventually made.

Throughout the year, CCOF Executive Director Peggy Miars participated in meetings and discussions surrounding the 2007 Farm Bill. We are working on behalf of organic farmers to ensure that the 2007 Farm Bill includes the most valuable and useful programs of past Farm Bills.

CCOF signed on to letters advancing the needs of small farmers in the Conservation Security Program, which holds great promise for rewarding farmers based on how they protect and improve the environment, and supporting a new crop insurance program to California, which is well suited to small diversified producers.

CCOF worked on behalf of a California initiative to legalize the growing of industrial hemp. Working with Dr. Bronner's, Nutiva Hemp Foods, and Vote Hemp, we educated legislators and the public about hemp's benefits, including serving as an excellent rotation crop for organic farmers. The initiative did not move forward but shows promise in 2006.

We again worked with Dr. Bronner's on the issue of organic personal care products. While the USDA initially included personal care products in the NOP, it decided later that they should not be included. Through this joint effort, the USDA was convinced to again reverse its decision and allow the organic label on personal care products.

CCOF successfully partnered with Senator Jackie Speier to ban the sale of "organic" fish and seafood in California until standards are set at the state or federal level.

CCOF supported various GE-Free initiatives across California. In Sonoma County, CCOF was prominently listed as a supporter in all publicity materials, as well as the actual ballot!

# **Organic Outreach and Education**

CCOF participated in several popular consumer and trade shows to promote the organic marketplace in general and certified members in particular. Through these shows, we successfully reached new certified members, new supporting members, media representatives and potential business partners – not to mention many people seeking certified organic ingredients and products. (That's when we

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### Media Outreach

CCOF used the media to get the word out about our programs and services. A sample of our outreach in 2005 included press releases for: CCOF's Organic Directory, the bill to legalize industrial hemp, CCOF fundraising events at natural foods retailers, the CCOF Foundation's Going Organic program, the 4th annual PCA Conference sponsored by CCOF, CCOF's Certified Organic Products Export Strategy (COPES) program, and support for alternatives to West Nile spraying. When we're not pitching our stories to the media, they're calling us for our expert opinion on topics ranging from legislative matters to GMOs and from organic statistics to the organic certification process.

CCOF signed on to a letter, along with dozens of other organic, sustainable, and environmental organizations challenging the PBS series "America's Heartland" and their decision to run an episode on GMOs that was clearly biased toward GMO giant Monsanto, a major funder of the weekly

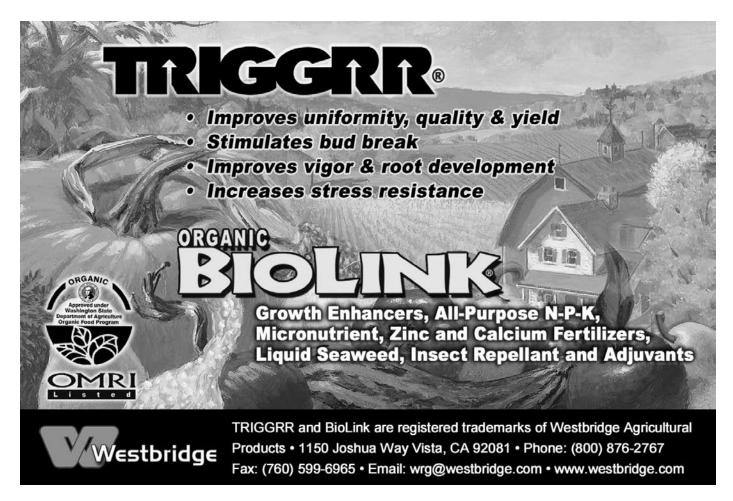
television series.

### **Fundraising**

CCOF has historically relied on fees for service to pay for the majority of our education and advocacy programs and services. A concerted effort was made this year to diversity our funding base. CCOF has been doing a good job of securing revenue through donations, supporting memberships, and product sales. However, we need to work harder and smarter at increasing support in those areas. Three top retailers supported CCOF with events in 2005, including Whole Foods Market's 5% Day in its Southern Pacific Region, netting more than \$74,000 to CCOF. In addition, Wild Oats/Henry's Farmers Markets hosted a Birthday Bash, and New Frontiers Natural Marketplace's held a 5% Day with both events providing additional financial support for CCOF. Supporting memberships continued to increase in 2005, over and above the substantial increase we saw in 2004. A comprehensive fundraising plan will be developed in 2006

# 2006 and Beyond

CCOF's Board of Directors and staff have begun developing a strategic planning process to guide us in our work on behalf of organic producers. Our recent member survey will help guide us in developing the plan. Please support us – join CCOF as a supporting member, become certified as an organic producer, subscribe to our e-newsletter – and stay involved in CCOF to learn how we continue to be a leader with high integrity in organic certification, education and advocacy!



Mike Steinberg of Flying Frog Farm shows trainee farmers, Jen Lyon, Salt Hollow Flower Farm and Ginny Lambrix, De Loach Vineyards, his irrigation system.



# Going Organic Program Takes

By Fred Thomas Going Organic Project Manager CCOF Foundation

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any organic farmers have been asked about organic farming practices by an acquaintance who tells them they are interested in converting to organic production. The Going Organic program is exactly what's needed to help farmers who want to go organic but don't know where to find answers and help. Recognizing the need for such a program, the CCOF Foundation initiated a pilot project of the Going Organic program in 2003 with funding from the Clarence E. Heller Foundation and CCOF, Inc. The initial goals of the Going Organic pilot program were to explore the real and perceived barriers to organic farming and provide peer information and help to farmers who are new to organic. This was accomplished through meetings, seminars, and a mentoring program within three CCOF Chapters including, North Valley, North Coast, and Fresno-Tulare. The pilot program proved hugely successful and is now being expanded.

# **Pilot Meetings**

The initial pilot program drew heavily from the experience and direction of longtime CCOF grower and Butte College Instructor, Carl Rosato of Woodleaf Farms. The pilot project was based on the principle that the best organic farming information comes from experienced growers. More than 200 farmers, CCOF staff, educators, and industry representatives attended a

series of public outreach meetings. Farmers experienced in the organic production of almonds, wine grapes, row crops, rice, and vegetables joined presenters from the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) service, CCOF, local Agricultural Commissions, and industry who spoke about production, certification, California registration, pest control, and soil building. These meetings introduced growers to organic production and helped enroll both mentors and trainees in the peer support aspects of the pilot project.

# **Past Mentors and Trainees**

After initial kick-off meetings, 10 experienced mentors were matched with 23 trainees to learn organic farming techniques. The majority who completed the pilot project reported very positive experiences. Lou Ann and Ferdinand Choss of Paradise, who were developing a market garden farm for a CSA, stated that it was "an incredible benefit for the beginning organic farmer." Their mentor, Carl Rosato, assisted them with soil quality, cover crops, irrigation and spring vegetable beds. Trainees Mary Berglund of Chico and Carol Perkins of Durham linked with mentor Guy Baldwin of Towani Farm to learn production techniques that Guy developed over the past 20 years including variety selection, summer vegetables, and organic egg production. Carol attended a farmers market with Towani Farm to learn market-

Clockwise from top left: 1) Ed Sills of
Pleasant Grove Farms (left), and Going Organic
Management Team member Greg House
of Coco Ranch. 2) Carl Rosato, CCOF archive photo.
3) Going Organic will research organic and non-organic
farm water quality. 4) Phil LaRocca.









Goals include transition of 5000 acres to organic production, representing a 5% increase in organic acreage in the project's area.

ing techniques. Deb Conway from the Butte College Farm appreciated learning about irrigation, trellis systems, and composting from her mentor, Phil LaRocca, CCOF Foundation Vice Chair and past CCOF President, during her farm visit to his Forest Ranch vineyard.

# **Expanding the Program to the Whole Valley**

The CCOF Foundation then leveraged information gained during Going Organic's pilot year in its application for an Agricultural Water Quality Grant program. In March 2005, the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) approved a \$650,000 grant to expand the Going Organic program throughout the entire Central Valley watershed. CCOF's Yolo, Sierra-Gold, Big Valley and Kern Chapters will now join the three pilot chapters. The new three-year grant will fund 25 mentors helping 40 organic trainees in the seven participating chapters. Goals include transition of 5000 acres to organic production, representing a 5% increase in organic acreage in the project's area.

As before, informational meetings and seminars will help non-organic farmers learn organic practices and overcome barriers identified in the pilot study. These events will be held in the seven chapters over a three-year period and will address compost, cover crops, weed control, erosion control, organic certification, and application for government cost-share programs. A new crop of trainees will learn from experienced organic farmers how to be sustainable and successful. A new aspect of the project will include a scientific assessment of organic watersheds to guide future Water Board programs.

Water Board-funded projects aim at reducing the discharge of non-point source toxicants into the Central Valley watershed. Expected results of the expanded Going Organic program include improved water quality. As part of the progect water quality and economic viability studies will be conducted on organic and non-organic systems. Long-term organic and non-organic farm watersheds will be compared for health, sedimentation, pesticide contamination, economic sustainability, and water quality. The findings will be useful to CCOF, organic farmers, the farming community,

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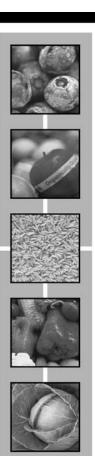


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# Welcome

Welcome to Certification News, a permanent section of Certified Organic - the CCOF magazine that provides important standards and certification updates in one easy to find location. Look to this section for information about changes to both organic standards and CCOF procedures and policies. Whether you're an organic producer, processor, livestock operation or an affiliated business, this section will keep you informed about materials, regulatory changes and organic news at the Federal and State levels. We will also include organic certification and information about maintaining organic certification - truly Certification News you can use.

# **Certification Staff Updates**

# **CCOF Names Director of Certification**

Janning Kennedy has been named CCOF's Director of Certification. The newly-formed position combines the Director of Handler Certification and

Director of Grower Certification positions and has been created to help coordinate operations between CCOF's grower and handler programs. Janning has worked with CCOF since 1988 as an inspector, chapter



**Janning Kennedy** 

reviewer, chapter president, and, most recently, as Director of Handler Certification. She continues to report to Brian McElroy, Certification Services Manager. With more than 30 years of organic agriculture experience, Janning brings a wealth of knowledge, patience and experience to CCOF. In her new role, she looks forward to spearheading CCOF's certification programs.

### **New Certification Staff at Your Service**



**Brooke Lipman** 

CCOF welcomes new Certification Associate Brooke Lipman and Certification Assistant Becky Blythe. Brooke works with CCOF's farm clients providing certification service. She has experience working with governmental

regulatory agencies and speaks fluent Spanish, while

Becky works in the handler certification department processing all CCOF International export documentation. These new employees will help CCOF ensure a high level of certification service into the future.



**Becky Blythe** 

# New Yolo and Sierra Gold Regional Service Representative

CCOF is pleased to announce the appointment of inspector Rebecca "Becky" Witty as the new Regional Service Representative for the Yolo (YO) and Sierra Gold (SG) chapters. Rebecca has performed inspec-

**Rebecca Witty** 

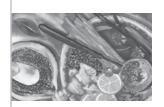
tions for CCOF for over a year and is headquartered in the Fairfield, California, area. She looks forward to meeting the members in these chapters and is available any time to help with inspection scheduling, to answer questions, or provide other services. Please

don't hesitate to contact her at: Rebecca Witty, 924 Lakeview Ct., Fairfield, CA 94534 Phone/Fax: (707) 863-7621 rebecca\_witty@yahoo.com



# Correction

Page 14 of the Fall 2005 Certified Organic mistakenly identified NU Film P and NU Film 17 as allowed by OMRI. While CCOF has recognized these products as compliant for organic production, they have not been listed by OMRI. CCOF sincerely apologizes for the error.



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**Certification News** 

# **CCOF Unveils New Global Market Access Program**

n an effort to provide additional benefits and ensure continued international market access for CCOF clients, CCOF has revised its international program. The new "Global Market Access" program will provide certification to both European EEC 2092/91 standards and IFOAM requirements in addition to verifying other international standards as required by CCOF clients. Clients in the current CCOF International program are not required to re-apply and will not see a fee increase for these additional services.

In order to provide these services and remain compliant with our IFOAM accreditation, CCOF has revised Manual III. **These services, the revised manual, and the standards within it will become effective on February 10, 2006.** While current CCOF International clients will find that very little has changed, we strongly advise that you review this manual at your earliest convenience. Visit www.ccof.org/international.php to learn more and view a copy of the revised program

# The New CCOF Global Market Access program will provide:

- Additional services and benefits for the same low cost as the current CCOF International program.
- European Union Organic Standard EEC 2092/91 certification and certificates. This is expected to help CCOF clients achieve streamlined access to European Union markets either as direct ex-



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- porters or as ingredient suppliers. Additionally, CCOF clients will be able to demonstrate EEC 2092/91 compliance quickly to current and prospective buyers during marketing and sales efforts.
- An IFOAM accredited organic certification meeting the IFOAM basic standards. This will allow CCOF clients to demonstrate compliance to IFOAM when required by buyers, foreign governments, or other parties.
- Review of operation to both EEC and IFOAM standards and certificates for all standards met by the client.
- The ability for CCOF clients to demonstrate that they meet the highest organic standards recognized both domestically and internationally.
- Review of only those requirements that differ from USDA NOP requirements, effectively simplifying the process for you.
- Additional verification services for organic standards and trade agreements as needed by CCOF clients. These include the MAFF/USDA Export Arrangement with Japan and other requirements related to Quebec.

Those of you currently certified to CCOF International Standards will find that the CCOF Global Market Access program is quite similar to previous International Program requirements. Changes and modifications to standards can be found in the revised manual III. What has changed?

# Minor changes to crops standards include:

- Requirements are clearly delineated between EU and IFOAM.
   You may elect to comply with both or either one.
- Standards for the USDA trade arrangement with Japan are unchanged.
- Parallel production is prohibited under the EU standards; see 5.6.
- Biological diversity; see 5.8, IFOAM standards
- Water Conservation; see 5.9, IFOAM standards
- Social Justice; see 5.12, IFOAM standards
- Antibiotics use in crop production (fire blight control) is prohibited by EU; see 6.0 Crop Production Materials.

# Minor changes to handling/processing standards include:

- All facilities that store organic product must be inspected for compliance with EEC 2092/91; see 8.6.
- Social justice standards apply to handlers; see 8.8, IFOAM standards

We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact Brian McElroy at brian@ccof.org or 831-423-2263, ext. 16. If you are advocating changes to the standards, please submit your suggestions in writing so that we can take them into account more thoroughly. We sincerely hope that this improved program provides new opportunities for you in the EU and other emerging markets for organic products.

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# Survey Explores Growth Trends in Organic Foods

Recent consumer research of U.S. s hoppers performed by Whole Foods revealed that nearly two-thirds (65%) of Americans have tried organic foods and beverages, jumping from just over half (54%) in both 2003 and 2004. The market for organic foods continues to grow, with 27% of respondents indicating they consume more organic foods and beverages than they did one year ago. Ten percent consume organic foods several times per week, up from just seven percent last year. U.S. consumers are buying organic foods and beverages for a variety of reasons. The top three are: avoidance of pesticides, freshness, and health and nutrition. Fifty-five percent buy organic to avoid genetically modified foods. Fresh fruits and vegetables remain overwhelmingly the most frequently purchased category of organic foods at 73%. Produce is followed by non-dairy beverages (32%), bread or baked goods (32%), dairy items (24.6%), packaged goods such as soup or pasta (22.2%), meat (22.2%), snack foods (22.1%), frozen foods (16.6%), prepared and ready-to-eat meals (12.2%), and baby food (3.2%). As these trends continue, we hope to bring more shoppers to CCOF's diverse client base at farmers' markets, natural food stores and supermarkets.



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bussed in. Hawaiian Research, which employs about 140 employees, started on Molokai in 1968 and became a part of the Monsanto Company in 2000.

Despite the walk out, Walter Ritte, spokesperson for the community group Hui Ho'opakele 'Aina (Rescue the Land) that organized the demonstration said, "I think we got a lot of people asking, 'What are GMOs?' and 'What are they doing in our fields?" The group wanted to ask Monsanto if company representatives would agree to talk with the community about growing GMOs on Molokai. Ritte said Hawaiian Research's activity threatens the community's health, organic farming, and medicinal Hawaiian plants, such as the uhaoloa shrub, whose roots are used to treat congestion in children.

# Wildlife Refuge Used for Genetically Modified Crops

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has expanded a controversial program in which genetically modified (GM) soybeans and corn are grown by local farmers on Delaware's Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) released a letter protesting the move as wreaking ecological havoc and violating the Service's own policies.

"Plowing under high-quality grasslands to plant soybeans does wildlife no good and sets a terrible precedent affecting the entire National Wildlife Refuge System," stated Gene Hocutt, the head of PEER's Refuge Keeper program and a former long-time refuge manager. "Prime Hook is supposed to be a National Wildlife Refuge - not a national soybean

Five hundred of the Wildlife Refuge's 10,000 acres are being used in the program. In 2001, the farmers switched to GM crops. At that same time, the Refuge took 150 acres out of the farming program to participate in a regional Grassland Bird study. The study found rare plants and insects as well as unique birding opportunities. Despite those findings, the Refuge now plans to put the 150 study acres back into GM cultivation.

PEER is recruiting local conservationists and organizations to join a lawsuit to end the Prime Hook farming program.



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Going Organic continued from page 13 educational institutions, and policy makers.

# **Guided by a Management Team**

A Management Team representing chapter representatives, the Foundation, CCOF, Inc., UCCE, UC Davis, the San Fran-

cisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), and the Water Board will guide development and implementation for the next three years. At the same time, individual chapter leaders will help track the mentor and trainee activities and schedule meetings for the benefit of the project participants as well as other interested parties. Opportunities are available for CCOF growers to become chapter leaders as part of this project.

# Going Organic Kick-Off Meetings

The program has already gotten off to a fast start by hosting or contributing to four meetings that have featured

the Going Organic program. The meetings include talks by organic farmers on cover crops, compost, water quality, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) cost-share funding, and much more. Sessions have been held in Livingston, Chico, Placerville, and Woodland to support each of the chapters. Partners and sponsors include UCCE, CSU Chico, the East Merced Resource Conservation District, and Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA). More Going Organic kick-off meetings are planned to solicit additional project trainees and mentors. Local chapter meetings will continue the information exchange on a one-on-one basis.

Going Organic program is seeking applications for both organic farmer mentors and non-organic farmer trainees who wish to change some or all of their acreage to organic production.

# **Seeking Mentors and Trainees**

The Going Organic program is seeking applications for both organic farmer mentors and non-organic farmer trainees who wish to convert some or all of their acreage to organic production. Interested growers should contact Fred Thomas (contact information below) and visit www.ccof.org for additional information. Farmers new to organic production systems will be asked to visit their mentor's farm, and mentors will visit the trainees' farming operations. Recognizing that many organic farmers use regular or occasional

tillage for weed control, each of the trainee farms will be assessed for erosion control and, if indicated, a remediation plan will be implemented.

# **Water Testing Program**

SFEI will test water from public access points on three

Potential Barriers. Do you expect the following potential barriers to organic farming to be a problem for you? 1=Not at all, 5=Very much	Ranking of Issue by Non-Organic Farmers	Ranking of Issue by Experienced Organic Farmers	Average Rating by Non-Organic Farmers	Average Rating by Experienced Organic Farmers
Complexity of organic farm management systems	1	5.5	4.00	2.67
Lower yields than conventional farming	2	4	3.64	2.86
Higher labor requirements of organic farming	3	1	3.45	3.40
Difficulty of keeping records required for organic certification	4.5	8.5	3.18	2.47
Lack of published technical information	4.5	2	3.18	3.07
Insufficient price premiums for organic products	6.5	7	3.00	2.57
Lack of direct technical support	6.5	3	3.00	2.93
Lack of support in completing certification paperwork	8	11	2.82	2.00
Lack of government subsidies for organic farming	9	10	2.60	2.36
Lack of knowledge of organic marketing approaches	10	8.5	2.55	2.47
Insufficient consumer interest in organic products	11	5.5	2.36	2.67
Peer pressure to farm conventionally	12	12	1.64	1.93

Table 1. Comparison of organic and non-organic farmers' perceptions regarding barriers to organic farming.

watersheds representing drainage that is primarily organic, about half organic, and primarily not organic. Currently SFEI plans to focus the runoff study within the Sacramento Valley where higher rainfall and heavier soils will contribute to a scientifically valid study. The testing, conducted on a regular schedule over two years, will yield valuable insights into the beneficial uses associated with organic production systems. The results will be entered into the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) database to assist decision makers who formulate policy regarding organic production systems under the Central Valley Agricultural Discharge Waiver program.

# What Are the Barriers to Organic Transition?

Part of the 2003 Going Organic pilot program included an assessment of the barriers farmers might face in going organic. They include:

- Lack of familiarity with basic principles of organic farming
- Lack of technical assistance
- Insufficient marketing skills
- Lack of peer support

At each Going Organic workshop in 2004, participants completed questionnaires describing their level of understanding of different topics. Those growers entering the mentoring program were also asked to complete a second questionnaire rating and describing their views of these and other barriers to organic conversion.

The survey asked organic and non-organic farmers to rate their perceptions of potential barriers to organic farming. (See Table 1) The non-organic farmers rated seven of 12

potential barriers at or above 3.00, the midpoint of concern. In comparison, the organic farmers rated only two potential barriers – higher labor requirements and lack of published technical information – above 3.00. Non-organic farmers are, to some extent, wrestling with the unknown, while organic farmers have learned that some barriers are not as formidable. The following are results of these surveys.

Here is what we learned about farmer perceptions of potential barriers to going organic:

Lack of familiarity with basic principles of organic farming: The non-organic farmers considered the complexity of organic farm management systems as their primary concern, with a rating of 4.00. Organic farmers considered this a modest concern, with a rating of only 2.67. The organic farmers are sufficiently experienced to know the additional complexities of organic farming and have learned how to overcome this potential barrier to non-organic farmers.

Lack of technical assistance: Organic farmers regarded lack of published technical information and lack of direct technical support as their second and third highest concerns, with ratings of 3.07 and 2.93 respectively. Non-organic farmers also considered lack of published technical information and direct technical support ongoing challenges with similar ratings of 3.18 and 3.00. The lack of technical assistance can be viewed as an ongoing barrier to all organic farmers that cannot be overcome by personal farming experience.

Insufficient marketing skills and other marketing issues: Both groups registered similar levels of low to midrange concern about lack of government subsidies for organic farming, lack of knowledge of organic marketing approaches, and insufficient consumer interest in organic products. Non-organic farmers were somewhat more concerned about insufficient price premiums for organic products. The higher labor requirements of organic farming were the highest rated concern for organic farmers and the third highest concern for non-organic farmers.

Lack of peer support and certification issues: Nonorganic farmers listed difficulty of keeping records for certification as a moderate concern with a ranking of 4.5. They felt lack of support in completing certification paperwork was of modest concern, ranking it 8th. Organic farmers who were clearly experienced in completing certification paperwork considered these issues to be of only slight concern. The survey asked both groups if peer pressure to farm conventionally was a barrier, and they both considered it the least of their concerns, ranking it last.

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improve the impaired water quality of our rivers and tributaries, and who can best provide information to help their farming neighbors learn about sustainable non-toxic systems? Organic farmers, of course!

For further information about the CCOF Foundation's Going Organic Project visit www.ccof.org/programs.php or contact:

Fred Thomas, Project Manager, (530) 891-6958, fred@cerusconsulting.com Fred is the owner of CERUS Consulting located in Chico, CA. Thanks to Cathy Holden, CCOF Foundation Chair and principal of Holden Research & Marketing, for technical assistance.

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# Achievement and Recognition

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CCOF certified Eel River Organic Beef of Hydesville, CA, recently launched a new website. Complete with an online store, the new website offers the latest news for organic consumers, information about the organic beef raising process, and the company's commitment to the environment. In addition, visitors to the site can download award-winning recipes and sign up for "The Organic Sizzle," their online newsletter. The online newsletter offers recipes and barbecue tips, industry news, and the latest information on organic beef. (www.EelRiverOrganicBeef.com)

The media was abuzz last November when Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, visited Northern California to talk about organic agriculture and tour local farms. One of their stops included a visit to CCOF certified Prather Ranch Meat Co. in the Ferry Building at the Embarcadero in San Francisco. Prince Charles, a supporter of organic food production, was impressed with how Prather Ranch raises their organic beef and the certified humane handling of their livestock. He questioned Doug Stonebreaker, manager of Prather Ranch Meat Co., at length about the ranch's husbandry practices and what makes the operation so distinctive. He also liked the fact that the ranch raises Hereford and Angus - English breeds of cattle. (www.pratherranch.com)



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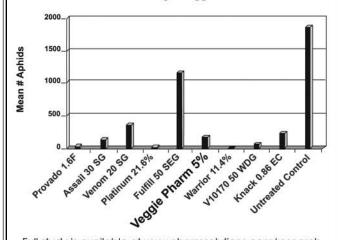
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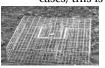


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A common question received at the CCOF office is about how to handle squirrels and other vertebrate pests. In many cases, this is a stubborn problem. From what we've heard, the



"Black Fox" trap is the most effective live squirrel and pest trap available. One client called and told us that since using the trap she's harvesting walnuts for the first time in two years. After

speaking to "The Trap Maker," we knew it had be mentioned so all CCOF growers could benefit. Squirrel and wild boar trap features include:

- Multiple catches without resetting.
- Safe to use around children, pets, and livestock.
- No poison or harmful chemicals.
- Easy to bait and retrieve target animal.
- No moving parts to wear out.
- Welded cage quality galvanized wire.
- Easily cleaned and maintained.

Visit www.thetrapmaker.com or call (530) 529-1910 for more information.

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February 20, 2006 CCOF office closed - Presidents' Day

March 23-26, 2006 Natural Products Expo West, Anaheim, CA

Before it's the hottest natural or organic product on the shelf, it's the hottest thing at Natural Products Expo West! As this industry grows, so does this annual show. This year's features include natural foods, home and textiles, organic, personal care, pet care, supplements, vegetarian and specialty food. CCOF will be in booth 4339, stop by! www.expowest.com

April 22, 2006 Earth Day

May 6-9, 2006

All Things Organic Conference and Tradeshow, Chicago, IL

North America's only all organic conference and trade show. Visit the CCOF pavilion and call 207-842-5562 now to reserve space for CCOF clients. Visit www.ccof.org/sponsors.php and www.organicexpo.com for more info.

July 21, 2006: Santa Cruz, CA August 20, 2006: Sebastopol, CA September 15, 2006: Santa Barbara, CA

Tour d'Organics Bike Rides

Visit www.tourdorganics.com for more information.

# **New Books**

New Book Helps Farmers Work with Nature to Manage Insect Pests

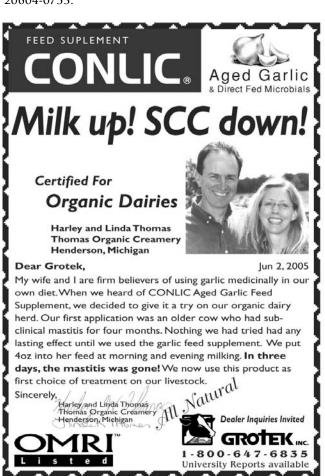
Nationwide, farmers need effective, affordable and environmentally sound insect pest management strategies. To help meet this need, the Sustainable Agriculture Network

(SAN) announces the release of *Manage Insects* on *Your Farm: A Guide to Ecological Strategies*, a pest management primer designed to help farmers improve their farms' natural defenses against insect pests.

While every farming system is unique, the principles of ecological pest management apply universally. This book outlines principles of ecologically based pest management and illustrates strategies used around the world.

Download *Manage Insects on Your Farm* at www.sare.org/publications/insect.htm for free. To order print copies (\$15.95 plus \$5.95 s/h), visit www.sare.org/WebStore, call (301) 374-9696 or send check or money order to Sustainable Agriculture Publications, PO Box 753, Waldorf, MD, 20604-0753.







# **New Certified Clients**

The following businesses have recently acheived CCOF organic certification under the USDA National Organic Program. Some new CCOF clients were inadvertently omitted from earlier publications. They are included here. CCOF regrets the error.

# ADASTRA VINEYARDS

Napa, CA 707-255-4818 adastravw(@aol.com www.adastrawines.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine)

# **AGRICOLA LOS ESPINOS**

Col. Los Espinos, Zamora, Michoacon, Mexico 351-51-619-83 joaquin292@hotmail.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Strawberries

# AGROLIBHERE S.A. de C.V.

Chula Vista, CA 011–52–616–166–21–19 libhere@telnor.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Raspberries, Strawberries

# **ALI MOHSEN FARM & RANCH**

Robbins, CA 530-738-4380 hassenbay@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

### ALICE CARVALHO

Maxwell, CA 530-438-2249 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

# **ALVAND INVESTMENT**

San Jose, CA 408-559-5100 benrahimi@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **ALVES FARMS**

Glenn, CA 530-934-4182 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

# AMERICAN COOLING, INC

Salinas, CA 831–682–1034 williamdavid.cr@netzero.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Hydro Cooling, Hydro Vacuum Cooling, Icing

# ANDERSON'S HIDDEN VALLEY

# **RANCH**

Salinas, CA 831-484-2193 founder@hvr.org www.hvr.org Certified Crops/Products/Services: Mixed Fruits & Vegetables

# **ANDRADE BRO'S**

Hollister, CA 831-637-0805 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

### ARAUJO ESTATE

Calistoga, CA 707-942-6061 daphne@araujoestate.com www.araujoestatewines.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine), Olive Oil, Olives

# ARMANINO FOODS OF DISTINCTION, INC.

Hayward, CA 510-441-9300 armaninofoods@armanino.biz www.armaninofoods.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Basil, Pesto, Pesto Manufacturing

# ARNOLD DE BRITO

Hollister, CA 831-637-1141 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# BABE FARMS, INC

Santa Maria, CA 805-925-4144 john@babefarms.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Endive, Misc. Leaf Vegetables, Mixed Lettuce

# **BARNARD ORGANIC FARMS**

Turlock, CA 209-634-1886 barnardorganic@aol.com www.barnardorganicfarms.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almonds

# **BATEMAN/ KERSTEN FARM**

Guinda, CA 925-284-1861 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almonds, Fallow

# **BECKSTOFFER VINEYARDS**

Talmage, CA 707-462-6624 mfidler@pacific.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Fallow, Grapes (Wine), Walnuts

### **BLACKWING MEATS. INC**

Antioch, IL 847-838-4888 roger@blackwing.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beef, Slaughter

# BLAVO STATION BROWN RICE, INC./J.H. MCKNIGHT

Durham, CA 530-343-8156 jemurphy@sunwestfoods.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Fumigation

### **BOLE RANCHES**

Live Oak, CA 530-695-1711 lairdbole@succeed.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **BOULDER GROVE**

Fallbrook, CA 760-445-8523 bamboomoon@juno.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados

# **BRIANS ORGANIC FARMING**

Hollister, CA 831-636-6587 gbrians@hollinet.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beans (Fresh), Beets, Melons, Mixed Vegetables, Potatoes, Squash (Summer)

# **BRYANT JOLLEY**

Fresno, CA 1-559-260-6067 jollmann@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Raisin)

# BYRON'S PRODUCE

Byron, CA 925–516–3757 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Corn (Fresh), Mixed Vegetables, Spinach

# C S & R ORGANIC KIWI VINEYARDS

Carmel, CA 831-915-1838 stephen@stonecastle-LHF.com, cameronjvigil@msn.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Kiwifruit

# CAFFE CALABRIA COFFEE ROASTERS, LLC

San Diego, CA
619-683-7787
info@caffecalabria.net
Certified Crops/Products/Services:

# CAL ORCHARD FARMING & RECEIVING CO. LLC

Gridley , CA 530-846-3332 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **CASABLANCA FARMS**

Cressey, CA
209-394-9067
casasblanca\_99@yahoo.com
s\_casas@yahoo.com
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
Persimmons, Pluots, Pomegranates,
Walnuts

# **CEDAR MILLS ECOFARM**

Pioneer, CA 209-295-2935 jvdiepen@got.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Cucumbers, Tomatoes (Greenhouse)

# **CHASE FARM**

Paso Robles, CA 805–238–4510 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almonds, Mixed Vegetables, Pasture, Walnuts

# **CHASE VINEYARDS**

Redwood Valley, CA 707-485-7065 ImIchase@inreach.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Petit Syrah), Grapes (Wine), Grapes (Zinfandel)

# CHURN CREEK MEADOW ORGANIC FARM

Redding, CA 530-226-0903 ocasion@digital-star.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Table), Mixed Fruits & Vegetables

# **COASTLINE BREWERY LLC.**

Scotts Valley, CA 831-331-8130 cuzickc@hotmail.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beer

# CREATIVE RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

Stockton, CA 209-938-0900 jim@crmcorp.net www.crmcorp.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Brown Rice Beverage Base, Syrups Manufacturing

### **DAUGHERTY**

Maxwell, CA 530-330-4099 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

# DAVE J. MENDRIN, INC

Madera, CA 559-352-1700 jackmendrin@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Raisin)

### DAVID J. DONLON RANCH

Somis, CA 805–386–8003 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Lemons

# **DEVOTO VINEYARDS, LLC**

Kelseyville, CA 707-279-2902 sdevoto@mchsi.com www.devotovineyards.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine)

# DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

Talmage, CA 707-462-0939 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **DOUBLE D FARMS**

Coalinga, CA 559-935-1558 ddfarms@onemain.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Cucumbers, Fallow, Jalapeno, Onions, Peppers, Squash (Summer), Sudan grass, Sweet corn, Tomatoes [Processing], Watermelon, Zucchini

# **DUANE DAY**

Lower Lake, CA 707-995-2862 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **EAGLE RANCH**

Lindsay, CA 559-333-1163 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapefruit, Lemons, Oranges

### **FAB FARM**

Hollister, CA 831-636-1060 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# FACCIUTO FARMS (BLUE RIDGE WALNUTS)

Guinda, CA 530-796-3835 corkytuut@hotmail.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **FAMILY FARM ORGANICS**

Madera, CA 559-352-1700 jack@familyfarmorganics.com www.familyfarmorganics.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Mixed Vegetables

### FEENEY ORGANIC FARMS

Willows, CA 530-517-0491 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

# **FLYING HAWKS RANCH**

Valley Center, CA 760-742-1569 mibonaudi@yahoo.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados, Grapefruit, Oranges

### **FMALI HERB. INC**

Santa Cruz, CA 831-423-7913 graynsford@fmali.com www.goodearth.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Herb Processing, Mulling Spices, Tea, Tea Processing

# FMP VINEYARDS LLC

Bakersfield, CA 661-631-1849 tpavich@aol.com www.frannysorganic.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes, Raisins

# FRUVEMEX, S.A. de C.V.

Calexico, CA
011-52-686-568-7870
fruvemex@telnor.net
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
IQF [Individual Quick Frozen]
Processing, IQF Mangos, IQF Peppers

# **GALLIVAN GROVE**

Valley Center, CA 760-749-9678 bopa@cox.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados, Cherimoyas, Citrus, Kumquats, Persimmons

# **GARON INDUSTRIES, INC**

Mosinee, WI 715-693-1593 sharon@garonfoods.com www.garonfoods.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Peppers

## **GELATO MASSIMO, INC.**

Watsonville, CA 831-761-3198 gelato@cruzio.com www.galetomassimo.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Gelato

# **GERALD FILLMORE**

Gridley, CA 530-846-5598 fillmore@frontiernet.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# GILLIG ORCHARD

Watsonville, CA 831-722-8255 gilligb@telis.org Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados

# **GLAUM EGG RANCH, LP**

Aptos , CA 831-688-3898 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Chickens, Eggs

# H.O.G. FARMS

Spreckles, CA 831-455-9375 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Artichokes

# **HANDLEY CELLARS**

Philo, CA 707-895-3876 milla@handleycellars.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes [Wine]

# HAPPY GIRL KITCHEN CO.

Aromas, CA 831-750-9579 todd@happyboyfarms.org www.happygirlkitchens.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beets (Pickled), Hot Sauce, Ketchup, Pasta Sauce, Pesto, Pickles (Dill), Pickles (various), Salsa, Tapenade, Tomatoes (Stewed)

# HILLSIDE VINEYARDS

Ukiah, CA 707-462-2208 mngibson@pacific.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes [Sauvignon Blanc], Grapes [Zinfandel]

# HOLZAPFEL & FOGLESONG, A JOINT VENTURE

Willows, CA 530-934-0242 maryholzapfel@willows.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

### HOMEGROWN ENTERPRISES

Flournoy, CA 530-833-0119 hge@4oliveus.com www.4oliveus.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Fallow, Herbs, Olive Oil, Olives

# **HONEY BEAR RANCH**

Rescue, CA 530-644-3934 ntoto@directcon.net www.honeybearranch.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Apples, Christmas Trees, Pumpkins

### HOOVER VINEYARDS

Calpella, CA 707-485-8392 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine)

### JACK NEAL & SON, INC./GRGICH

St. Helena, CA 707-963-7303 mneal@jacknealandson.com jacknealandson.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine)

# JACK NEAL & SON, INC./NEAL FAMILY

St. Helena, CA 707-963-7303 mneal@jacknealandson.com jacknealandson.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Wine)

# JAMES BARRY LOGISTICS dba JBL

Santa Ana, CA 714-697-2445 barry.jamesbarry@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Wheatgrass

# **JARDINES INC**

San Juan Batista, CA 831-726-3200 ccattin@cokefarm.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almonds, Apricots, Avocados, Citrus, Forage, Hay and Pasture, Herbs, Mixed Vegetables

# **JASMINE FARMS**

Grass Valley, CA 530-268-8660 jasminefarms@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Apples, Cherries, Corn (Fresh), Cucumbers, Lettuces, Melons, Peppers, Soybeans, Squash (Summer), Tomatoes (Fresh Market)

# **JOEBELLA COFFEE**

Atascadero, CA 805-461-4822 joebellacoffee@calinet.com www.joebellacoffee.com continued on next page

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Certified Crops/Products/Services: Coffee

### JOHANNES KNEIFEL

Finley, CA 707-279-8561 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

### JR ORGANIC

Escondido, CA 760-749-0439 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Arugula, Basil, Beans (Fresh), Carrots, Chard, Cilantro, Collards, Cucumbers, Dill, Eggplant, Herbs, Lettuces, Onions, Peppers, Squash (Summer), Tomatoes (Fresh Market)

### **K & G RANCHES**

Tulare, CA 559-686-3831 akumar393@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes [Raisin]

### K & K FARM

Orange Cove, CA 559-626-7652 LeonardKamada@yahoo.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Plums, Pomegranates

# KIVA ORCHARD DBA,HIGH DESERT FOODS,LLP

Durango, CO 970-259-2238 www.kivaorchard.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Apples, Apricots, Conserve, Fruit and Nut Trees, Grapes, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Pears, Rhubarb, Strawberries, Strawberry Smoothy, Tomato (Puree), Tomatoes

# **KLAIR FARMS ORGANIC**

Madera, CA 559-673-5617 paulklair@yahoo.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Raisin)

# **KOEHN ORGANICS**

Willows, CA 530-934-8693 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Corn [Dry]

# **LAURENCE SMUDSKI**

Pleasant Grove, CA 916-655-3280 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

### LLANO SECO RANCHO

Chico, CA 530-342-0839 llanseco@pulsarco.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Cattle, Breeder Stock, Cattle, Slaughter, Corn (Fresh), Pasture, Pasture & Rangeland, Peppers, Safflower

### LUSCOMBE FARMS

Tulelake, CA 530-667-3237 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Alfalfa Hay, Barley, Fallow, Hay and Pasture, Oats, Rangeland, Rye, Wheat

# MAES & SONS NUT FARM

Kelseyville, CA 707-279-2579 pmaes4@mchsi.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

### **MANZANITA**

Paso Robles, CA 805-239-0551 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

### **MATA RANCH**

Strathmore, CA 951-490-7763 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Oranges

# McCLURE CREEK FARM

Gerber, CA 530-824-0849 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Mixed Fruits & Vegetables, Mixed Vegetables

# **METTEER TRACTOR CO**

Kelseyville, CA 707-279-4593 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# MIDDLE EAST - SOLI'S BAKING CO., INC.

Burlingame, CA 650-348-7200 isaacmideastsoli@hotmail.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Bread

### MILLER DAIRY- DAIRY RANCH

Petaluma, CA 707-766-9254 mudam@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Pasture

### **MIRANDA DAIRY**

Ferndale, CA 707-725-5005 mirdairy@humboldt1.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Corn (Dry), Dairy Cows, Milk (Raw), Pasture

# MORRO CREEK RANCH

Morro Bay, CA 805-772-7974 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados

# MOUNTAIN RANCH ORGANICALLY GROWN

Mountain Ranch, CA 209-754-5253 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Apples, Cattle, Chickens, Eggs, Hay and Pasture, Herbs, Mixed Vegetables, Pasture & Rangeland, Pears, Rangeland

# MT. MORIAH FARMS

Lodi, CA 209-367-9863 ssmit@cfaith.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Asian Pears, Grapes (Table), Peaches, Pluots & Plums

# NAPA WINE COMPANY

Oakville, CA 707-944-4471 sheldon@napawineco.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Wine Bottling, Wine Making

### NICK RANCH, LLC

Santa Margarita, CA 805-438-5852 flnick@earthlink.net www.enjoygrassfedbeef.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Pasture & Rangeland

# **NOLASCO'S SPIRITS**

Santa Rosa, CA 707-544-9888 nolascofamilia@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Agave, Mezcal

# **NUTFARM/RICHARD MAY**

San Juan Bautista , CA 831-636-0220 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# OCEANO PACKING COMPANY, LLC

Oceano, CA 805-489-3303 dkaba@oceanopacking.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Spinach, Spring Mix

# ORTIZ BROS.

Santa Rosa, CA 707-542-5238 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Mixed Vegetables

# **OUTLAND JAVA COMPANY**

Santa Cruz, CA 831-458-5282 dhandler@outlandjava.com www.outlandjava.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Coffee

# PASSION FRUIT FARMS

Merced, CA 209-725-3447 www.figlady.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Figs

### PENINSULA BAKING COMPANY

Monterey, CA 831-657-9615 alexhamade!@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Baking, Cookies, Granola

# PIRANHA PRODUCE

Turlock, CA 209-216-0200 slay@piranhaproduce.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Trader

# PRODUCTOS del CAMPOS ANAHUAC SPR de RL de CV

Colonia Centro, 01152-351-516-03-21 ramongu@zra.megared.net.mx Certified Crops/Products/Services: Strawberries

# **PURITY ORGANICS**

Kerman, CA 559-289-0276 skoretoff@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almonds

### R & B FARMS

Pleasant Grove, CA 916-655-3312 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Rice

# RANCHO CONSUELO

Fillmore, CA 805-377-5052 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Oranges

### **RANCHO LA HACIENDITA**

Zamora, Michoacon, MEXICO, 351-51-760-02 mgarcia55@prodigy.net.mx Certified Crops/Products/Services: Strawberries

# RATTO BROS., INC.

Modesto, CA
209-545-4445
rratto@rattobros.com
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
Basil, Beets, Bok Choy, Cabbage,
Carrots, Celeriac, Chard, Chicory,
Cilantro, Collards, Daikon,
Dandelion, Dill, Endive, Fennel,
Herbs, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks,
Lettuces, Mustard Greens, Nopal,
Parsley, Radish, Spinach, Turnips,
Watermelon

# REDWOOD MEAT CO., INC

Eureka, CA 707-442-3797 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Slaughter

# **RIO MESA FARMS**

Santa Maria, CA 805-925-8577 aledema@berry.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Strawberries

### **RON TYNDAL**

Madera, CA 559-673-9412 tyndaljr@lightspeed.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes

# ROYAL PACIFIC FOODS (FOOD MARKET MANAGEMENT)

Monterey, CA 831-645-1090 skropp@gingerpeople.com www.gingerpeople.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Juice

# **RUSSIAN RIVER PISTACHIOS**

Calpella, CA 707-462-3498 rrpistachios.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Pistachios

# S&F FARMS/STEWART & JASPER ORCHARDS

Newman, CA 209-862-9600 ray@stewartandjasper.com www.stewartandjasper.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Almond Hulls, Almond Processing, Almonds

# SAM FRASER FARM

Clarksburg, CA 916-744-1494 825fraser@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **SAMUEL SMITH OLD BREWERY**

N. Yorkshire, UK 193-783-9270 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beer (Ale), Beer (Lager)

# SAN FRANCISCO SOUP COMPANY

San Francisco, CA 415-869-1585 yoram@sfsoupco.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Soup

# SANTA ANA RANCH, LLC

Ventura, CA 805-701-1159 mgoad@ojai.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Avocados

# SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN BREWING

Santa Cruz, CA 831-425-4900 emilyt@qualcomm.com www.santacruzmountainbrewing.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Beer, Brewing (Beers, Ales)

# SANTA ROSA ORGANICS

Soledad, CA 831-678-3613 Certified Crops/Products/Services: Tomatoes (Fresh Market)

### SHANGRI LA TEA COMPANY

Santa Fe Springs, CA 562-942-9828 mr\_tean@earthlink.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Tea

# SHUMEI NAT. AG. NETWORK OF AMERICA, SC FARM

Arierica, 3c Fakri
Santa Cruz, CA
831–429–1807
nodamasaharu@hotmail.com
www.shumei-na.org
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
Artichokes, Beans [Fresh], Bok Choy,
Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe,
Carrots, Cauliflower, Chard, Corn
[Fresh], Cucumbers, Daikon,
Eggplant, Kabocha Squash,
Lettuces, Mizuna, Okra, Onions,
Peppers, Pumpkins, Soybeans,
Spinach, Strawberries, Sweet
Potatoes, Tomatoes [Fresh Market],
Turnips, Watermelon, Zucchini

### SILVEIRA FARMS

Riverbank CA 209-869-6812 silvieradavid@hotmail.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Artichokes, Asparagus, Basil, Beans (Fresh), Beets, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Chard, Chives, Cilantro, Collards, Corn (Fresh), Cucumbers, Daikon, Dill, Eggplant, Fennel, Flowers, Hay and Pasture, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lavender, Leeks, Lettuces, Marjoram, Melons, Mint, Misc. Leaf Vegetables, Okra, Onions, Oregano, Parsley, Peas (Fresh), Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radish, Rosemary, Sage, Salad Mix, Spinach, Squash (Summer), Squash (Winter). Strawberries. Thyme, Tomatilloes, Tomatoes (Fresh Market), Transplants, Watermelon

# SK FOODS

Monterey, CA
831-655-4040
alanh@skfoods.com
www.skfoods.com
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
Catsup, Pasta Sauce, Pizza Sauce,
Salsa, Tomato (Puree), Tomato
Paste, Tomato Sauce, Tomatoes,
Tomatoes (Crushed), Tomatoes
(Diced), Tomatoes (Fresh Market),
Tomatoes (Ground Peeled),
Tomatoes (Processing), Tomatoes
(Stewed), Tomatoes (Whole Peeled)

# **SKY RANCH**

Burlingame, CA 650-344-6971 jamesmolinellisr@sbcglobal.net Certified Crops/Products/Services: Walnuts

# **SMIT RANCH INC**

Linden, CA

209-887-2237 jandcsmit@aol.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes (Table)

### SMITH VINEYARD & WINERY

Grass Valley, CA 530-273-7032 www.smithwine.com Certified Crops/Products/Services: Grapes [Wine]

# **SOL FOOD FARMS**

Sebastopol, CA
707-874-2300
chef@dailyharvestcatering.com
Certified Crops/Products/Services:
Basil, Beans (Fresh), Beets, Broccoli,
Cabbage, Carrots, Chard, Corn
[Fresh], Cucumbers, Eggplant,
Flowers, Herbs, Kale, Leeks,
Lettuces, Onions, Peppers, Potatoes,
Squash (Winter), Tomatoes (Fresh
Market), Zucchini

# **SOUTH COAST ORGANICS**

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