



Organic Week 2011

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Organic Alberta in partnership with The Canada Organic Trade Association (COTA) and the Canadian Organic Growers (COG) are proud to announce the second annual Organic Week, October 15-22. The week is celebrated at national, regional and local levels, with many unique opportunities to highlight organics. Organic Week 2010 saw more than 250 groups hosting workshops and events dedicated to raising public awareness of the environmental, economic and social benefits of choosing organic products.

The Canadian organic sector has so much to celebrate! In 2011 The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) began full enforcement of the Organic Products Regulations (OPR), which require that all foods labeled organic be certified to ensure they are grown and processed in compliance with Canadian Organic Standards.



Organic farmers and processors must keep detailed records of their procedures, production materials and ingredients. In order to be certified, they are inspected at least once a year, when their records, fields and facilities come under close scrutiny to ensure they meet Canadian Organic Standards. Organic products are certified only after this rigorous assessment by an organic certification body accredited by the CFIA.

When you see products displaying the Canada Organic Logo, you know they are, in fact, organic. Canada's Organic Standards are maintained by organic stakeholders including farmers, processors, organic experts and consumer advocates, under the auspices of the Canadian General Standards Board.

2011 also welcomed Canada's second organic equivalency agreement. In 2009, Canada and the United States agreed to recognize each other's organic systems of standards, certification and enforcement—making trade a more streamlined process. This past June, a similar agreement was reached with the European Union, making Canada a significant player in the world's biggest organic markets.

So let's all get together to celebrate Organic Week!

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EDMONTON & SURROUNDING AREA ORGANIC WEEK EVENTS

Organic Beer Tasting by Alley Kat Brewery

When: 2-6 PM, October 15

Where: Sherbrooke liquor store, 11819 St. Alberta Trail NW

Organic Menu at d'Lish Urban Kitchen and Wine Bar

When: October 15 - 22

Where: d'Lish 10418 - 124 St, Edmonton

Organic menu at Absolutely Edibles Catering & Café

When: October 15 - 22

Where: Absolutely Edibles 9567a - 118 Ave, Edmonton

Alberta Organic Producers Association Organic Informational Booth (The Organic Box is a member of AOPA)

When: October 8, 10AM - 3PM

Where: St. Albert Farmers Market, St. Albert

Organic Menu at Misella Delight restaurant

When: October 15-22

Where: Misella Delight 4922 - 50 St, Main St, Stony Plain

Birds & Bees Organic Winery & Meadery wine tastings

When: Several dates during Organic Week – see website

Where: At liquor stores across Alberta – www.organicweek.ca

Our Commitment to Organics

The Organic Box is 100% committed to purchasing organic food, and local is our passion. We are working to build a strong, sustainable organic community in Alberta.



Thank-you for working with us to support local organic farming families!