



THE ORGANIC FEDERATION OF CANADA NEWSLETTER

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A first Canadian Organic Science Conference in Winnipeg - February 21 to 23 2012

The Organic Agriculture Center of Canada (OACC), the Organic Federation of Canada and the University of Manitoba will hold in February in Winnipeg the first [Canadian Organic Science Conference](#).



The Canadian Organic Science Conference is part of the communication program of the [Organic Science Cluster](#), the all Canadian collective research project dedicated to organic agriculture and managed by OACC.

The pooling of the competencies of more than 50 researchers who participate to 30 research activities on organic agriculture is especially stimulating for the development of the organic sector as the improvement of agricultural practices will raise the yield and the productivity of organic farms.

The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for presentation and discussion of organic research in Canada and beyond. Leading scientists will present current advances in the field of organic agricultural practices. The complete program of the Conference will be soon published. [Stay tuned!](#)

OFC Blog – What is the impact on the development of the organic sector of the lack of intraprovincial regulations (except in Quebec) to monitor the sale of organic products?

The lack of intraprovincial organic regulations is a matter of great concern for the organic sector; Quebec is the only province that imposes certification for any product sold as organic on its internal market. Many provincial jurisdictions chose first to verify the impact of the Canadian Organic Products Regulations (COR) on the sector before regulating their intraprovincial markets. As two years have passed since the enforcement of the COR, the OFC wishes to know your position on the issue of the lack of intraprovincial regulations: what are in your view the consequences of that legal loophole? Is it preferable to have

intraprovincial regulations for all Canadian provinces or to maintain the status quo? Visit the [OFC Blog](#) to have your say on that issue.

Organic Week – October 15-22, 2011



Workshops, tastings, guided tours, recipe contests, media and parliament promotion: Canadian Organic Growers and Canada Organic Trade Association organize the second Organic Week, to be held from October 15th to 22nd. Activities taking place in many Canadian provinces are posted on the website of the [Organic Week](#). You are invited to participate or to organize an event in your area for celebrating the harvest season so that Thanksgiving has an organic taste!

Aquaculture Standard – Time to vote for the Standards Committee on Organic Aquaculture

The Standards Committee on Organic Aquaculture members are now voting on the latest draft of the Organic Aquaculture Standard CAN/CGSB-32.312; closing date is October 17. The organic terrestrial sector not being so familiar with aquaculture farming, the OFC has compared the aquaculture and agriculture organic standards in order to get a better idea on what is similar and what is different between those two organic standards. The comparison is done section by section, the aquaculture standard being set as the reference, in the blue column of the attached pdf documents.