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HERVEY BAY REGION: LOCALLY GROWN FOOD INITIATIVE SUPPORTS FARMING COMMUNITY & FOOD SECURITY

Transition Town Hervey Bay (TTHB) are working on a new initiative to raise awareness of the value of farmers. TTHB hope to increase the amount of locally grown food sold in the region. With the recent disastrous floods, Hervey Bay, along with many other towns, experienced empty supermarket shelves, indicating a greater need for resilience in food supply. Local farmers are the key to solving this challenge.

The project’s goal is to develop a directory containing local farmers and growers for Fraser Coast restaurants, resorts, grocers and residents. This will create an opportunity for local producers to sell their goods in their home communities, therefore stimulating the local economy; all while cutting carbon emissions from transportation. TTHB has been asked by the community centre to also run regular farmers markets from their premises, which will be another way of connecting consumers to growers.

The directory will be beneficial to farmers as it is designed to increase local profits, and decrease the necessity of shipping long distance. Additionally, it will create local support and awareness of the importance of farmers in the regional community. The directory will be a tool to connect farmers to local businesses, therefore instilling greater economic resilience and sense of community. Overall, this directory will be conducive to decreasing the carbon footprint of the Hervey Bay and Fraser Coast Region.

Wide Bay Institute of TAFE will be incorporating five sustainability units into their course curriculum in the Department of Hospitality. This curriculum aims to encourage chefs to buy local products. TTHB believes the launch date for this new initiative will be July. The TAFE will host a *Locavore Cook Off* competition to highlight the benefits of buying local food, in which substantial local restaurants and resorts will compete. TTHB would like to have the directory of farmers and producers available by this time to leverage off this event.

If you are interested in registering for the directory, or have any further questions, please contact Maggie John at Transition Hervey Bay at tt_hb@hotmail.com.

INSECT PEST MANAGEMENT SURVEY FOR NATIONAL GRDC PROJECT

As part of a national Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) funded project, a survey of growers and advisers is being conducted throughout Australia to identify the major insect pests of grain crops, and better understand the tools and strategies used to manage these pests.

The survey is being led by the University of Western Australia in collaboration with other research organisations and local farming groups across Australia. In Victoria, the survey is being coordinated by CESAR and The University of Melbourne.

The results of this survey will be used to develop better insect pest management tools for grain producers across Australia.

Please take the opportunity to participate in this voluntary survey. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes of your time. You can complete the survey anonymously by clicking on the following link: <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/348554/IPM-benchmarking-survey>

Any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Paul Umina on pumina@unimelb.edu.au

CLASSIFIEDS

AGISTMENT

Agistment for cattle available:

ACO certification 10797A and USDA NOP certified property

Located at Baralaba, Central Queensland

Country is good quality growing/finishing country

Contact: Gavin Bailey on 07 4998 1281

Email: usmile4@bigpond.com

CATTLE AND BEEF

For Sale

16 month old poll hereford heifers

60 head average 450kg,

joined 22/12/10 - 09/02/11 to low birth weight angus bulls (Waverly Angus Murrurundi)

would expect 85% PTIC or better, \$1000.00 / head

can split 1st's 20hd \$1100 2nds 20hd \$1000 and 3rds 20hd \$900

ACO certification 11202IC

Gunnedah NSW area

Contact Bert 0428 420905

Angus Weaners Mixed Sex

100 Quality Angus Weaners 200-220kg, August Drop

Just Weaned-Very Quite

\$2.20kg on-farm.

Sale due to adverse seasonal conditions

Location: Boyup Brook W.A.

ACO certification 109911C

Contact: Warren Pensini 0897652121/ 0427348496

Email: warren@blackwoodvalleybeef.com.au

Approx 20 Poll-Hereford heifers, 16 months old.

NCO Certified

Location: 50km South East of Loxton, SA

Contact: 08 8587 2267

GOATS**For Sale****Free Range/ Certified Organic Goats**

1000 Goats for sale

Location: Far Western New South Wales

ACO certification 10469A

Contact: Mark and Susie Pritchard at Mooleyarra Station (02) 6874 7753

SILAGE, HAY AND GRAINS**Biodynamic Spelt**

ACO Certification 2232BD

Location: Central NSW

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

BioDynamic Wheat

11.6% protein

Good weight, clean, no weather damage

Location: Central NSW

Biodynamic certification 2232BD

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635 / 02 6869 7635

Feed Wheat

Location: Southwest slopes, NSW

ACO certification 10269A

Contact: Dave 0263 432 663 / 0427 432 664

Certified Organic Pasture Hay

Location: Southwest slopes, NSW

Large or small quantities available

ACO certification 10269A

Contact: Dave 0263 432 663 Mob: 0427 432 664

Medic Hay

Round bales 5x4, Approx 200 tonne \$230 per T, price negotiable on quantity
"A" Certified Organic

Location: Murray Bridge SA

ACO certification 10646A

Contact: Jason, Cloverland Organic

Ph (08) 85 382 850, Mob. 0407 853828

Cereal/forage barley:

Large square bales, good quality.

ACO & NOP certification 4368A.

Lucerne Hay: Large square bales, good quality. From \$350/tonne + GST

Whetstone Organics, Inglewood Qld

Contact: Rick McDougall, Ph: 0429 665762 or 07 4652 1361

Hay

ACO and NOP certification 4368A

Cereal/forage barley hay – large square bales – all grades

Lucerne hay – large square bales – all grades

Whetstone Organics, Inglewood Qld

Contact: Rick McDougall 0429 665762 or 07 4652 1361

Oaten and Rye Hay

5 x 4 Rounds net wrapped

Big Squares 8x4x4

Price is negotiable.

ACO certification 3216A

Shepparton, Victoria

Contact: Peter Morgan 0427 572 689 or 03 5828 9212

Copra Meal

Organic copra meal available for sale

USDA certification 10278PUSDA

ACO certification 10278AI

Applied Nutrition Pty. Ltd.

Contact: 0418 659 423 / 07 3206 2568

BEANS, LEGUMES

Soya Beans

Good quality A-Grade 791 variety

ACO certification 2407A

Approx 50 Tonne

\$930/ Tonne - on-farm price

Greenridge Organics

Location: Far-North Coast

Contact: 02 6663 1154

Soya Beans, contract wanted

Contract wanted for certified organic soya beans

Approx 100 Tonne 2011 season

Greenridge Organics
Location: Far-North Coast
Contact: 02 6663 1154

GRAPES

10 - 20 Ton Organic shiraz

13 year old vines very minimal water low yield excellent colour
OGA certification 10367A
Contact: David Box 08 86641359 / 0429 641359
Email: olivedowns@gmail.com

Barossa Valley Certified Organic Semillon Grapes 2011

Dry Grown
Hand pruned
Hand picked
Yield 1.5 tonne/acre
approx 5 tonne available
ready for harvest approx 1st / 2nd week march
ACO certification 5104A
Contact Richard Loan 043 8563 261 or 0403 407 654
Email: jesrick@bigpond.com.au or contact@loanwines.com.au

Hunter Valley 2011 Certified grapes

Harvest through February 2011
Award winning - call to inspect on the vine
Verdelho, Semillon, Chardonnay - 20 tons each
Chambourcin – 50 tons
ACO certification 10998A
Contact: Geoff Brown, Riverpines Vineyard 02 6574 5275
Email: geoff@ascellawine.com

Certified grapes or sell as wine ACO certified from Adelaide Plains South Australia [Premium area]

Selection of grapes ranges from 100-300 tons per variety

1. Pinot gri/Grigio
2. Pinot Nior
3. Sav Blanc
4. Cabernet
5. Shiraz
6. Merlot

ACO certification 11073A IC; 11072W USDA
Contact: Ken Carypidis, Yarra Vale Estates 0412 800 875
Email: yarravale@bigpond.com

REAL ESTATE

For Sale

'JUNCTION'
Euchareena NSW 2866

ACO certification 2619BD

Junction is a 300Ha certified organic grazing property located in one of NSW most reliable districts. With certification in place for more than 13 years, **Junction** presents a great opportunity for the production of lamb, beef, free range chicken & eggs and vegetables for the burgeoning organic market.

Situated 60 kilometres north of Orange and 75 kilometres south of Wellington with Molong to the west, **Junction** is well positioned with easy access to the Mitchell Highway.

The current owners of **Junction** have been operating the property as a sheep, cattle and free range egg enterprise. Currently, **Junction** runs approximately 500 ewes and a few cows. The current owners run Dorper ewes for fat lamb production and vealers. In a normal growing season **Junction** is estimated to run 700 ewes and 20 cows. With the Dorper ewes Junction has approximately a 150% lambing rate. Some livestock will be available for purchase at valuation.

For further information or to arrange an inspection please contact Mr. Neville Rava Awn Property Pty. Ltd. on 0428 160 971 or visit www.awnproperty.com.au.

BRAYSIDE

A grade farm on the fertile Richmond River in the north coast of NSW.

238 acres in the Richmond valley just minutes north of Casino and within an hour of the best beaches the NSW north coast has to offer.

Certified A grade USDA/NOP

KOREA-DOALNARA

ACO No10136A

200 acres cultivation with 55 acres laser levelled.

Average crop yields with average rainfall seasons:

- SOYBEAN 1 to 1.4 tons per acre
- BARLEY 1 to 1.2 tons per acre
- WHEAT 1 to 1.5 tons per acre
- RICE 2 tons per acre
- CORN 3 tons per acre
- OATEN HAY 10 to 14 big square bales per acre

SILOS: 5 x 150 and 2 x 50 ton with aerators and automatic monitors

LARGE MACHINERY/HAY SHED

COMPLETE FARMING PLANT as well as GRADING and DRYING equipment available for sale as well, if required.

PLANT: JDMAXEMERGE PLANTERS, JD MULCH TILLER, INTERNATIONAL211 SCARRIFER, EASYFIX and MASON WITH ROLLING SHEALDS CULTIVATORS all 6 row. JD 8820 HARVESTOR NEW FAB GRADER.

ALLORA FILD BIN DRYER ON GAS. SELF PROPELLED GRAIN ORGER. JD7800 TRACTOR.

P. O. A.

Contact: Rebecca Vary 0429450446; Richard Vary 0408661051

Email: richard_vary@yahoo.com.au

“MALUNA MALAKA” Certified organic walnut farm

On the banks of the beautiful Tamar River this unique 13 hectare property has a sheltered, registered deep water anchorage in its own secluded cove; acres of waterfront bushland; a low maintenance business and a beautiful home.

With superb river views the open-plan 3 bedroom house has been stylishly renovated, with central heating from a wood-fueled stove, solar hot water, polished wooden floors and is situated next to a self-contained 1 bedroom studio, garage, shed and established family fruit orchard and easy care garden.

Just 35 minutes drive from Launceston in the picturesque district called Rowella, this dynamic area is renowned for high quality wines, stately homes, horticulture, aquaculture, lavender, truffles and tourism.

The established farm business, "Tamar Valley Organic" is OGA certified organic with 1900 13 year old walnut trees (6 ha), all fully irrigated from a 20 megalitre dam, with assured growth in income as the trees reach full maturity. The orchard system is designed for easy management with an average of 1-2 work days per week. The balance of land is pasture and bush with scope for further development (e.g. livestock, fruit). The brand has been well established with reliable customers and opportunity for further growth in walnut and value added products.

There are two new colourbond sheds; one for nut storage and processing and one for machinery. Farm and nut processing equipment is optional.

A school bus stop is located nearby, with buses going into Exeter and Launceston.

Price: \$750,000.00 negotiable

Address: 11 Waterton Hall Rd, Rowella, Tasmania,

Contact: Lucy 0417 105390

<http://www.buymyplace.com.au/buyers/individual-property-page.aspx?propertyId=0000008061>

IDYLLIC LIFESYTL E WITH LOCATION AND INCOME

Profitable, certified organic blueberry business, 750 fully netted, irrigated plants Large coolroom Well maintained grazing property, stockyards, large hayshed - 65 steers Ample water supply with spring-feed dam; Equestrian facilities, including full dressage arena and stables 3-bay shed for machinery storage, including powered workshop area Custom-built brick home, new commercial kitchen, 3 B/R, 2 bathrooms and office North-easterly aspect to capture valley views and morning sun Low-maintenance garden, entertaining areas, orchard - 7 mins to Leongatha.

Contact: Chris or Sue Howard 03 5668 6294 or our Elders Agent Zel Svenson 0438 636290

For Lease

Certified Organic Citrus Orchard and irrigated small crops land, WIWO, Gayndah, Qld

Fantastic and unique opportunity to expand in the organic market without the cost of property ownership.

10 ha of Certified Organic citrus orchard just coming into its prime with increasing production over the next 5 years. 24 ha of good quality, deep sandy loam to clay loam soils under irrigation mains with abundant water supplied from river allocation, water harvesting licence, a ring tank dam and high yielding fresh water bore. Vacant cropping land previously planted to citrus and many years ago grew magnificent crops of watermelons. All equipment for citrus production of a high standard including computerised packing plant, cool room, sheds, staff amenities and a comprehensive list of farm machinery. Established markets for citrus with solid net returns. Total property size 50 ha - all Certified Organic. Picturesque property bounded by the Burnett River and Reids Creek with abundant bird life (over 130 bird species sited).

Located just outside of Gayndah, 380 km NW of Brisbane, 180 km inland from Bundaberg and 2 hours from the nearest beach. Bitumen road access to property. Gayndah is a vibrant and friendly country town of approximately 3200 people. Primary and secondary schools, good sporting facilities, 2 caravan parks, airport and many great recreational activities including fishing, skiing, swimming. Three bedroom houses rent in Gayndah for \$150-\$200 per week.

Suit small crop grower or citrus grower looking to expand their operations into a Queensland market window. Experience in organic farming and proven finances essential. Assistance from owner available by consultancy at reasonable rates. Owners looking for a change of direction.

Lessee will be required to pay for the current investment in the 2011 citrus crop.

Lease rate \$90 000 + GST per year or \$220/usable hectare/mth)

5 year lease with an option to renew
Contact: Benita on 07 4161 2250 or 0427 612250

EMPLOYMENT

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organic Farm Supervisor

Newton Brothers Orchards is a progressive family-owned fruit growing and packing business in Manjimup, Western Australia. We are seeking a passionate, experienced Organic Farm Supervisor to oversee our 22 hectare organic orchard (two years into conversion, ACO A-grade certification due 2013) in Manjimup, Western Australia.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to bring your passion for organic agriculture and knowledge of organic farming practices to our business. Your primary role will be managing our organic apple orchard; specific apple growing knowledge and skills are highly desirable but not essential.

Our ideal recruit is a self-motivated, knowledgeable person with the drive, passion and commitment to make our commercial organic orchard a success and source of great pride for many years to come.

The results you produce on this orchard have the chance to influence the strategic direction of our business in the next ten years and beyond, and could also become a blueprint for our conventionally-farmed orchards to follow. This is a chance for you to make a significant and lasting difference to the future of one of WA's largest commercial fruit producers.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated in accordance with applicant's experience and knowledge. If you would like to enjoy the lifestyle and low cost of living in one of WA's most beautiful regions, the Southern Forests, apply today!

Please contact Lucinda Giblett for more information. Email any questions, or your cover letter and CV to jobs@newtonorchards.com.au. Alternatively, call (08) 9777 2004.

Additional information:

The position will be 5-6 days per week, 8+ hours per day, with a view to becoming full-time following a three month trial period. Ideally to commence July 1 or August 1 2011 (negotiable).

We are seeking applicants with the following skills / attributes:

- *Proven knowledge of organic farming systems*
- *Practical experience in organic farming*
- *Pays close attention to detail, with ability to plan and prioritise*
- *Progressive attitude to safety*
- *Outstanding people skills*
- *Computer skills desirable*
- *Current national forklift licence desirable*

New Organic Training Initiative

In a new initiative to encourage people to grow their own produce locally and organically for the local market, Glenn Higson, who is working closely with Queensland's Department of Primary

Industries, is proposing to organise to educate and train anyone interested in organic cultivation. The idea is to decentralise food production and get people to eat locally grown food.

At this stage, Glenn is asking for those who have a working knowledge of organic growing, animal husbandry, building and/or fix-it to step forward to be part of a training program. For those who attend the course and complete the training Glenn hopes that in the longer term they will be eligible to receive a piece of land, donated by the Government and private citizens so they can grow produce for their community.

For more information about this program contact Glenn on ph 3352 6530 or email glenn_higson@yahoo.com.au

EMPLOYMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE WANTED

POSITION WANTED

An experienced organic farm manager is seeking a position on an organic livestock production system. With a total of 6 years experience in farm management including 2 years in organic beef and lamb production, Michael has 10 years experience in running and designing cell grazing systems and has a keen interest in soil health, pasture monitoring and biological farming. He is also passionate about organics and wanting to stay in the organic industry, please contact Michael on **0427 758 520**.

INTERNSHIP

Yi Han is a Chinese student looking for an opportunity for an internship in Australia in a business environment, preferably a small to medium sized company or organisation. She is currently studying in the Netherlands and is in her 3rd year of a Degree in Agri-business and Trade; her studies include trade, import & export, logistics, marketing and finance. Her native language is Mandarin and she has strong English and Dutch language skills and is also fluent in Cantonese. Yi Han is available for an internship for 20 weeks from January 2011.

For more information contact Yi Han on: niki.han@wur.nl

INTERNSHIP

Paul-Antoine Trompette is a French student with a Higher National Diploma in plant technology and a Country Planning Degree. He is looking to improve his agricultural background and experience with an internship in Australia. Preference is for work on an organically farmed property, or an Institute of Research, with the opportunity to learn more about agricultural techniques and Australian agronomic features. He has strong English language skills and will be available for an internship from October 2010 to May 2011.

For more information contact Paul-Antoine on: pa.trompette@gmail.com

MARKET UPDATE – BEEF

Peter Gall From The Organic Meat Company says business is on track in the organic beef industry, although the strong Australian dollar is not helpful to the export market. Despite the strength of the dollar, the demand for organic beef is stronger in the export rather than the domestic market.

“Demand is still good in the export market, but with the dollar still strong there could be some resistance in the future. The cattle have quite a good weight on them and there are plenty of them available. It will be interesting to see how winter goes, but I think it will be good too,” Peter said.

The issue of accessing cattle remains difficult in some areas with ongoing problems caused by the floods this year, and the rains that continue to fall in many areas.

MARKET UPDATE – LAMB

The organic lamb market remains solid, according to Toby Scales from Cleavers Organic Meats.

“The price has come off a bit, but we are expecting the winter supply will be limited, so we should have strong prices through winter. That being said we are back to \$6.40. The sheep are coming in well finished, some over finished, but overall yields are strong,” Toby said

Toby went on to say demand is strong but currently the organic lamb industry isn’t able to meet the full demand, so it’s hard to know just how much demand there actually is in the market place.

MARKET UPDATE – HORTICULTURE

Ross Cowling from United Organics said the strong Australian dollar continues to have a negative effect on the export price of organic fruit and vegetables.

“I’d have to say the local market is very flat. Our exports are being affected with the dollar being so high. There are few tourists, especially in North Queensland, and this is impacting on the local economy and leading to more unemployment and a reduced demand for organic and conventional produce,” Ross said.

Ross said that with increased fuel prices to truck produce around, combined with rising costs, margins are very tight.

“Prices are still generally quite high, but there’s been a drop in some prices, like broccoli. Bananas remain very expensive, but we are selling more Lady Fingers, which are currently cheaper.”

The current market situation for horticulture looks set to stay fairly stable for the time being, with the chance of a slight improvement if the weather dries out and the dollar weakens a little.

STORY – Organic vs conventional agriculture: 20 year trial reveals major benefits of organic production

In America’s longest running trials comparing organic farming methods against conventional, the results are in; organic agriculture methods are the most environmentally sustainable and resilient. Organic production was found to have less net carbon emissions, was more water saving, and at least as financially profitable for farmers as conventional farming methods – in many cases more so.

In 1981, the Farming Systems Trial (FST) was founded by the Rodale Institute. The research focused on corn and soybean crops and looked at three core farming systems: a manure-based organic system, a legume-based organic system, and a synthetic inputs-based conventional system.

The results of its comparison findings showed:

- Organic systems produced 31% higher corn yields than the conventional system during moderate droughts;
- Weed competition in organic production methods were tolerated better than in conventional farming methods;
- Carbon sequestration is highest in manure-based organic production, followed by legume-based organic production;
- Groundwater appears to increase in organic systems with 15-20% higher volume of percolating water and reduced runoff;
- Herbicides were detected in the conventional system, with atrazine levels reaching a level known to produce deformities in frogs;

- Energy use in the conventional system was higher than in the organic systems;
- Initial costs to set up organic systems were 10% higher than conventional, but organic premiums ranged from 65-140%.

Dr Andrew Monk, BFA Director, says the FST has shown what organic growers have been claiming for many years now;

“Organic systems can have a significant benefit to producers, particularly in times of climate extremes, and are therefore going to be important for increasing the resilience of our agricultural sector in the coming years,” Dr Monk said.

“This long-term study disproves the myth that organic cannot yield more than conventional systems – as yields are always one dimensional. With an increasing need for resilience in the face of climate realities, demand on our water resources increasing by the day, and biodiversity being stretched and threatened by current agricultural systems, there has never been a better or more important time for farmers to consider organic and biological agricultural methods, for their own health and the health of the earth.”

STORY – ORGANIC SHOWCASE POPULAR AT THIS YEAR’S AUSVEG

Last weekend saw the annual AusVeg convention and trade show held in Brisbane. For anyone working in, or interested in, the vegetable industry, this was the place to be.

BFA manned a stall displaying industry magazines and information packages, and members of the Australian Certified Organic (ACO) team were on hand to answer questions from visitors. The BFA booth was visited not only by those interested in learning more about organic production, but by some certified organic operators, including Monika Fiebig, from Monika’s Organics in South Australia.

Monika said it was great to see the organics industry represented by BFA and ACO, but that it was a shame other organic industry bodies hadn’t taken the chance to promote and present themselves at the convention. She hopes next year BFA will be provided the opportunity to present at the convention to increase awareness of the organics industry.

While overall content on organic production and services were limited at the event, Organic Crop Protectants (OCP) showcased two broad-ranging products that addressed two key areas of interest for all producers; *EcoCarb* - a wide ranging fungicide/insecticide, and *Acadian* - a soluble seaweed product.

James Gardener from OCP said the convention was very good with regards to networking with growers and distributors.

“It was a perfect introduction for OCP’s new Queensland representative Andrew Woodford to let growers and business associates know that he had joined Organic Crop Protectants. Andrew is a down-to-earth practical person with the growers’ outcomes in mind. Having a farming background himself, he can help growers use the OCP product range to achieve the desired outcomes in organics and IPM.”

As for other products on offer, stalls hosted by VISY and NuFarm showed new packaging products focused on reducing costs and overall environmental impacts. For example, NuFarm showcased a new 15l cardboard container with plastic liner and an easy pour spout, in an attempt to move away from the 20l plastic drum. In the new carbon neutral programs, such products will have a distinct advantage. Plenty of seed suppliers showcased new varieties, though unfortunately not many advertising certified organic seed.

One of the highlights of AusVeg was the excellent presentations on the advancement of plant nutrition topics. These included some interesting talks about carbon emission management for cropping systems. These integrated well with current carbon emission management policy mooted by the different politicians at the convention. There was also a debate on water usage in the Murray-Darling Basin, and Callum Hann, a finalist in last year's MasterChef TV show, entertained attendees with a live cooking demonstration.

ACO certification officer, Matt Fredricksen, said the event was a great opportunity to talk to some conventional farmers about organic production methods.

"It's hoped that the many enquiries will turn into some new organic producers. Organics remains a hard sell to the conventional farmers who are of the mindset that farming is based on what inputs they can buy to solve their problems. It's difficult for them to think in terms of system designs that allow them to work with nature to deliver a robust, resilient production system not dependant on the multi-nationals' distribution outlets."

The Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner was also a sold out affair and twelve awards were presented on the night to the following people:

- Women in Horticulture Award - Deborah Corrigan, VIC
- Environmental Award - Rodney Emerick, QLD
- Innovative Marketing Award - Mitolo Group, VIC
- Industry Impact Award - Rohan Prince, WA
- Young Grower of the Year Award - Andrew Bulmer, VIC
- Rising Star of the Year Award - Tom Hunt, QLD
- Industry Recognition Award - Max McKenna, TAS
- Researcher of the Year Award - Denis Persley, QLD
- Productivity Partner - Peracto, TAS
- Grower of the Year Award - Sam Calameri, WA
- Chairman's Award - Jeff McSpedden, NSW
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Kevin Clayton Greene, TAS

Big thanks to Wray Organics, Qld organic retail chain, which provided the BFA/ACO stall with organic apples for attendees to enjoy.

EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EMAIL/WEB
Friday May 6 th to Sunday May 8 th	Sydney	Eco Xpo	www.ecoxpo.com.au/
Saturday May 7 th to Monday May 9 th	Beijing CHINA	International Organic Food and Green Food Expo	www.gnfexpo.com.cn
Thursday May 26 th to Saturday 28 th May	Shanghai, China	BioFach China 2011	www.biofach-china.com
Saturday May 28 th to Sunday May 29 th	Auckland, NZ	Organic Expo and Green Living Show	www.organicexpo.co.nz
Tuesday July 19 th to Saturday July 23 rd	Brisbane	6th World Environmental Education Congress	http://www.education.monash.edu.au/staff/ednews/article.php?id=1257

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