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FLOOD ASSISTANCE

Queensland Government

The Queensland Government is issuing grants of up to \$25,000 which are available to assist eligible primary producers. The link to the Queensland Government Flood Assistance website is:

http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au/index.php?option=com_qraa&view=detail&id=200&Itemid=89

THE BASIN FLOOD RECOVERY OPERATION

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc (QMDC) and its other partner organizations, Landcare, Blaze Aid, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Volunteering Queensland (The Basin Flood Recovery Team) are assisting rural landholders in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin recover from the series of flood events. This is a regional operation coordinating the technical expertise from within QMDC staff, local knowledge on the actual flood damage and the skills of volunteer organizations to mobilize human labour.

QMDC is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that delivers natural resource management (NRM) services across the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin. QMDC staff work with the Traditional Owner Elders, Elders and Seniors of the countries (Nations) in the region and a wide range of other

natural resource managers, including Landcare groups, farmers and graziers, regional councils, agencies from all tiers of government, agricultural industry bodies, agribusiness, the corporate business sector, the mining and resource sectors, the health sector and communities.

QMDC staff and Landcare Coordinators are conducting a “needs assessment” through phone calls to landholders to ascertain what support and assistance they require. As part of that initial needs assessment, QMDC staff and Landcare Coordinators are focusing on providing a coordinated property clean up and repair service using voluntary labour to have the farms operating again. The QMDC database identifies that 733 landholders have been contacted. The database shows that there are 271 landholders who have requested volunteer labour assistance out of those 733. Based on this ratio we are assuming that approximately one third of the land holders in flood affected areas are likely to want volunteer labour assistance. There are another 1950 landholders yet to contact.

The Basin Flood Recovery Team has established three base camps, one operating from Stanthorpe, one from Toowoomba, the third in Texas. Feedback to date is that the phone calling is appreciated by landholders and the first weeks of cleanup and re-building has only reinforced the magnitude of the impact. The 47 landholders who have had crews on their properties to date have been appreciative of the efforts. Work carried out so far includes fencing, debris removal and general clean up.

More bases will be established in the region depending on volunteer numbers and availability of other resources e.g. vehicles, accommodation, equipment, financial donations etc.

From the assessment that has been done so far it is clear that this is a marathon, not a sprint.

For further information please contact **Geoff Penton** (CEO of QMDC) directly via email:

geoffp@qmdc.org.au or QMDC at their following offices: Toowoomba ph 07 4637 6200;

Goondiwindi ph 07 4671 7900; Roma ph 07 4620 4600. For more information go to:

www.qmdc.org.au or email: info@qmdc.org.au

Greencare Developments

Greencare Developments along with its sister company Austech Products, owners of the Planet Ark endorsed Orange Power brand of environmentally themed household cleaning products, recognise the fact that there will be a mammoth task to clean and keep clean many homes and businesses in the ensuing weeks and months ahead. With that in mind they are in the process of donating between 20 -40 pallets of our Multipurpose Cleaner to the relief effort via Foodbank Queensland Limited, with the hope of reaching as many households and businesses as possible.

Graham Smith, Managing Director, Greencare Developments P/L, 03 9792 4127

Donation of Registered Agricultural Disinfectant

Directors of Nutri-Tech Solutions (NTS) have announced this week a \$50,000 product donation of one of its ACO products, Path-X, to rural shires affected by the flooding. The product is a BFA registered* agricultural disinfectant that can assist farmers with their clean up. Two thousand bottles will be distributed.

NTS is also offering free places on their upcoming March four day course for farmers directly impacted by the recent floods.

(*BFA registered restricted input)

Contact: 07 5472 9900; Kirstie@nutri-tech.com.au

Donation of hay for flood assistance

200 square bales

Sue and Eddy Webster

Certified organic through ACO

Gippsland area
Contact: 03 5169 6546

Agistment available for cattle

ACO Certified - Producer 10158BD
SE of Wagga Wagga, NSW
Francois & Lyn Retief
Winbirra, Ladysmith, 2652
Contact: 02 6922 1618
retiefs@sctelco.net.au

ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS

Anyone interested in becoming a member of one of the Advisory Boards is asked to contact the BFA office for more information and a nomination form. Ph 07 3350 5716 ext 222; email alison.beaty@bfa.com.au

CLASSIFIEDS

AGISTMENT

Agistment for cattle available:

ACO 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 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 10991IC
Contact: Warren Pensini 0897652121/ 0427348496
Email: warren@blackwoodvalleybeef.com.au

Approx 20 Poll-Hereford heifers, 16 months old.

NASAA Certified

Location: 50km South East of Loxton, SA

Contact: 08 8587 2267

Cattle for Sale

EU Organic & USDA Accredited, 30 PTIC Santa cross cows

Average age: 5 years old, Average kilograms: 496

\$800 Organic certification 4544A

Location: Augathella, Qld

Contact: John 07 4654 5454

GOATS

For Sale

Free Range/ Certified Organic Goats

1000 Goats for sale

Location: Far Western New South Wales

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

SILAGE, HAY AND GRAINS

Biodynamic Spelt

ACO Certification 2232BD

Location: Central NSW

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

BioDynamic Wheat

Details:

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 for sale

Location: Southwest slopes, NSW

Contact: Dave 02 63 432 663 / 0427 432 664

Certified Organic Pasture Hay for sale

Location: Southwest slopes, NSW

Large or small quantities available

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 certified #4368A. \$300/tonne + GST

Lucerne Hay: Large square bales, good quality. ACO & NOP certified #4368A. From \$350/tonne + GST

Contact: Rick McDougall, Whetstone Organics, Inglewood Qld. Ph: 0429 665762 or 07 4652 1361

Oat/medic hay 85/15 mix.

Approx 70 tonne in 8x4x3 squares

"A" Certified Organic

Location: Nhill, Vic

ACO certification: 10414A

Contact: 03 5397 4242 / 0429 400626

Lucerne hay

1st cut Lucerne hay 8x4x3 bales or 5'6" rounds \$160/t + GST

2nd cut Lucerne hay 8x4x3 bales \$250/t + GST

Porto Cocksfoot seed cleaned & tested \$8/kg

Cocksfoot straw 8x4x3 bales \$100 + GST

Faba beans - \$400/t + GST

All certified biodynamic.

Location: South Australia

Contact: Nic Kentish 08 8739 8211/ 0429 673 070

Oaten and Rye Hay For Sale

5 x 4 Rounds net wrapped

Big Squares 8x4x4

Price is negotiable.

ACO certification 3216A

Contact: Peter Morgan 0427 572 689 or 03 5828 9212 (Shepparton, Victoria)

Buffel Seed for sale

Gayndah/American mixed, ACO and USDA NOP certified (cert no 10829A)

82% TZ, quality seed harvested Mungallala QLD

Contact: Tony Horvath on (07) 4623 6184

Jap Pumpkin Seeds for sale

3-4 kilograms in total

20 grams for \$8 (plus postage & handling)

Bulk orders available

OGA certified organic: 360A

Via Kyogle

Contact: Scott Job on 02 6636 4307

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 For sale

Good quality A-Grade 791 variety (ACO Cert 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

organic producer No 10367A

Contact: David Box

Ph 08 86641359 / 0429 641359

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

Contact Richard Loan

Ph 043 8563 261 or 0403 407 654

jesrick@bigpond.com.au

contact@loanwines.com.au

Hunter Valley 2011 Certified grapes for sale

Harvest through February 2011

Award winning - call to inspect on the vine

Verdelho, Semillon, Chardonnay - 20 tons each

Chambourcin – 50 tons

Contact: Geoff Brown, Riverpines Vineyard (10998A)

Ph: 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

Contact: Ken Carypidis, Yarra Vale Estates
Ph 0412 800 875
E: yarravale@bigpond.com

REAL ESTATE

For Sale

“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 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

For Lease: Organic Farm, ACO Certified 88 acres, Mango/mixed tropical fruits

2 hours NW Cairns, 40mins Nth Mareeba FNQ.

Pristine environment and water supply with

150 000 acre nature reserve bordering all 4 boundaries, beautiful living environment, shed/workshop, cool room, solar power with back up 12KVA gennie.

Certified organic for 8 years.

Farming family/couple need only apply.

Contact: Paul Bennett 0419889905 (pmbennett@me.com) to discuss lease options.

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

SITUATIONS AVAILABLE

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

SITUATIONS 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

Matt O’Leary from Australian Organic Meats in NSW says supply has improved for beef since the floods last month and the abattoirs are busy again. With regard to the price of organic beef at the moment Matt says: “Depending on the article, between \$3.80 and \$4.20 a kilo delivered to the abattoirs.”

According to Matt, there are likely to be some issues with moving cattle in some areas still affected by the damage to roads from the floods, but for the most part things have improved since last month. One ongoing issue for exporting organic beef is the strong Australian dollar.

“Demand for beef is OK, but the dollar is still too high for export. I guess we’ll just have to live with that for a while,” Matt said.

MARKET UPDATE – LAMB

Organic lamb is sitting very strong at the moment and Toby Scales from Cleavers says there’s a massive shortage of lamb across the board.

“Organic lamb is above \$6.50 over the hook this week, but every week there’s a new high and this indicates huge competition for a limited supply. Demand has been growing steadily as the flock has

been receding; long periods of poor wool prices and ten years of drought have caused a serious decline in flock numbers,” Toby said.

“Hopefully with the good season, an improved wool job and strong values for all categories of sheep, we should see the flock go back into a rebuilding phase to service the growing demand. But it will be a slow recovery as so many are forced to sell sheep for cash flow.

“Many processors are losing money on the sheep they buy at the moment. It’s a case of filling shelves so we don’t disappoint our clients. It’s a bit of pain now for gain later on. We’re excited to see the strength in the market and the demand. That’s the meat game. Sometimes you lose money, but as long as on average you make money you survive.”

MARKET UPDATE – HORTICULTURE

In the organic fruit and vegetable market prices remain high, with a continued shortage of supply due to the extreme weather experienced across the eastern seaboard.

“After the various weather catastrophes we’ve had recently everything is expensive, there’s nothing cheap around. Even potato prices are high at the moment,” Ross Cowling from United Organics said.

When Cyclone Yasi hit North Queensland the prices of bananas went up, but Ross says shortly after the cyclone growers managed to pick some bananas from the ground and this brought prices back down. But bananas will soon be in short supply and increase in price again. Ross says it will take a good six months before the banana industry starts to recover.

According to Ross, prices are likely to remain high across the board for both organic fruit and vegetables for the time being.

“Growers have got to make up certain loses from the year, so prices are going to stay high,” Ross said.

Winter crops may also be a concern Ross says. With the continued rain and damage to prime growing areas, winter crops may be slow to get planted as growers struggle to get back on the land.

STORY – COAL SEAM GAS

COAL SEAM GAS: SHORT TERM FINANCIAL GAIN = LONG TERM FOOD SECURITY BREACH

The latest mining rush is up and running and Coal Seam Gas (CSG) is the resource everyone’s talking about. Across Australia mining companies are exploring, drilling, fracking and extracting CSG, and the environmental repercussions of this form of mining are yet to be fully recognised and understood.

For primary producers CSG can be a nightmare from which there is no waking up. Hundreds of drilling sites around some properties in south-east Queensland have already been set up. This can interfere with farming production, degrade the land and deplete the water table. Chemicals used in the fracking process to extract the gas may leach in to the ground polluting the land and water.

Greg Paynter is contracted by Biological Farmers of Australia to assist with researching the impacts of mining on organic operations.

“Organic management systems are based upon avoiding use of synthetic chemicals in farming and managing the risk of potential contamination from on and off farm. Considerations under usual circumstances include working with neighbouring properties to avoid spray drift, keeping records of use of approved inputs and quarantining of animals treated with non-allowed inputs. Mining however brings with it many new questions around risk management with the concern that chemicals used in mining have the potential for pollution of land and water,” Greg said.

“A number of ACO clients have already been affected by these types of coal mining operations. Others are currently under threat due to proximity, or the activities have yet to start in their region. The BFA group is increasingly being contacted by clients in relation to their engagement with sectors of the coal industry and the potential threat that may occur from that.

“Concerns held by ACO clients are in relation to the continuance of their organic certification, health of their families and workers, loss of potential markets domestically and also in export markets, interruption of the farming processes due to changes of the farm landscape caused by mining infrastructure. Organic farmers are also concerned by the downside externalities created by these mining and exploration activities on the farm environment and also the wider catchment area.”

According to Akiko Nicholls, ACO Managing Director, if the land is contaminated from the result of CSG, organic certification status may be suspended. According to the Australian Certified Organic Standard (ACOS), it generally takes a minimum three years to re-gain the land to be fully certified.

“Producers could face loss of all markets for their produce for three years and of course longer if there are ongoing problems with managing the risk and level of contamination,” she says.

Akiko says that Australian Certified Organic is continuing to work with other groups on coming up with answers to questions and areas of concern as a result of the impacts of CSG extraction on organic food production. All certified organic producers with questions or concerns should contact the ACO office regarding their individual situation.

In the short term, CSG is worth a great deal of money to mining companies and the government; in the long term, Australia may be left with depleted and polluted water tables and unusable primary production land with food security breached.

STORY – ADOPT A FARMER

Q. What do you get when you mix a group of primary school children with an organic farmer?

A. Explosive enthusiasm; and a hoard of hungry minds ready to learn.

This is what happened earlier in the week when Steve Skopilianos opened the gates to Ladybird Organics in Keilor, Victoria, to a group of Grade 3 and 4 students from Coburg Primary School. Steve volunteered to be the first organic farmer for the BFA ‘Adopt-a-Farmer’ program, an initiative of the BFA Organic School Gardens program. The Adopt-a-Farmer program was launched on Wednesday 23rd February at Steve’s farm, and he said the students’ interest in his property, and all the fruit and vegetables he grows, was wonderful to see.

“I couldn’t believe how hungry the kids were for information. I couldn’t field all the questions they were firing at me and that just shows there’s a need there. Kids were saying ‘this is the best ever’. They were so responsive, and they even want me to go back to their school to teach them. They were huge sponges; they just took it all in,” Steve said.

When one of the children asked Steve if he could take a zucchini home, Steve says he was amazed.

“When a kid says ‘can I take a zucchini home’ [*laughs*]. Come on, zucchinis are not an adult’s favourite vegetable let alone a kid’s!”

Steve says he would absolutely recommend this program to other farmers as a way to help educate young people and introduce them to farming practises.

Helen Kavouras is a teacher from Coburg Primary School who is coordinating the students’ involvement in the School Gardens and the Adopt-a-Farmer programs. She says the feedback from teachers and students who visited Ladybird Organics was very positive. The farm visit follows on from the work the students have already done in their own garden.

“The students have access to a community garden where they do similar activities to what they saw at the farm yesterday - planting seedlings, gathering seeds, harvesting and using what they’ve grown in cooking classes. I think it was lovely for them to visit a real farm and to see how food is grown in such large amounts,” Helen said.

Jane Burns, program manager for the School Gardens program, says the launch of the Adopt-a-Farmer program was a great success.

“The Adopt-a-Farmer program has been developed to connect students with organic farms and to educate them about organic farming. They get to meet their adopted farmer, look at everyday life on an organic farm and see the production process,” Jane said.

Jane says Steve Skopilianos spent time telling the students why his farm converted to organic production. They then potted-up seedlings and went on a field trip in the paddocks to pick some strawberries.

Schools and farmers are registering for the programs across Australia. As a means to educate young people about the organic industry, involving school students in the farming process seems like a great place to start.

If you would like more information about the program go to: www.organicsschools.com.au

EVENTS

BFA EVENTS

A full list of dates and locations will be published shortly at www.bfa.com.au, including full details and key speakers touring on the 2011 BFA Organic Roadshow.

OTHER EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EMAIL/WEB
Sunday March 6th 11am-2pm OR 6pm-9pm	Melbourne	Food and Wine Festival - The Organic Kitchen	www.samanthagowing.com/ melbournefoodwinefestival
Monday March 28th to Thursday 31st	Yandina – The Sunshine Coast	Four Day Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture	www.nutri- tech.com.au/blog/course- dates/
Monday April 4th to Thursday April 7th	National Wine Centre, Adelaide	International Symposium Managing Organic Matter & Using Compost in Horticulture	www.compost-for- horticulture.com
Tuesday April 12th	Adelaide	One Day Farming for the Future Workshop	www.nutri- tech.com.au/blog/course- dates/
Saturday May 7th to Monday May 9th	Beijing CHINA	International Organic Food and Green Food Expo	www.gnfexpo.com.cn
Saturday May 28th to Sunday May 29th	Auckland, NZ	Organic Expo and Green Living Show	www.organicexpo.co.nz