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FLOOD UPDATE

For those affected by flood in Queensland and other states, we have been concerned for your wellbeing, along with many of our members and clients who have called in to ask BFA how our organic producers are faring.

BFA, along with members of our industry, would like to assist wherever possible. It is with this in mind that we have created a special e-update to link producers with the information they need for either accessing or providing support. It will be sent out as regularly as required, as information becomes available.

We look forward to your requests and contributions over the coming weeks.

☀ Certification & standards flood information

Mr Greg Blakeney, Organic Client Support Service, is BFA's flood information contact with regards to certification and standards issues.

Mr Blakeney has assisted BFA to develop its position on certain certification issues which may arise for flood affected operations. This document clarifies issues relating to audit planning, silt/ soil deposits, managing feed, slaughter, segregation, recovery of livestock from non-certified properties, parasites, as well as issues affecting horticulture such as mandatory fruit fly spraying, cold storage and other points. If certified operators are in any way unsure regarding their certification status

further to issues which have arisen due to flooding please contact Greg Blakeney on email agaudit4@bigpond.com or mobile 0417 630 807.

☀ **General assistance, farm volunteers, donations**

An expanding group of farm hands (and would-be farm hands) has formed to offer its assistance to organic producers whose properties have been affected by floods. This group is offering its support by way of labour for the clean-up and repair of properties.

If you would like to place your property on the list for potential volunteer assistance or would like to suggest a property which has an overwhelming task ahead further to flood damage, please contact the editor. Alternatively, if you would like to join this group of volunteers please let the editor know.

☀ **Access to feed, agistment, markets**

Some members have expressed their desire to offer assistance in the form of feed, agistment and inputs. The following is a list of offers which we will continue to update in future editions. .

Anyone with information which would be useful for flood affected producers and is suitable for publication is encouraged to contact the editor on: alison.beaty@bfa.com.au or 07 3350 5716 ext 222.

FLOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Donation of Registered Agricultural Disinfectant

Directors of Nutri-Tech Solutions have announced this week a \$50,000 product donation of one of their ACO products, Path-X, to rural shires affected by the flooding. The product is a registered agricultural disinfectant that can assist farmers with their clean up. Two thousand bottles will be distributed out over the next 2 weeks.

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

AGISTMENT

Agistment available:

ACO Certified 4544A and EU organic and USDA accredited.

Contact: John Elmes on (07) 4654 5454

Location: Augathella area Qld

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

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.

NCO 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

Hereford heifers and steers

Details:

250-400kg, good doers, quiet

Location: Central NSW

Biodynamic certification 2232BD

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635 02 6869 7635

SHEEP

Merino lambs

Shawn in February, 40-50kg

Location: Central NSW

Biodynamic certification 2232BD

Contact: Ph: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

Merino/ Damara Dorper Cross - all certified organic

400 Sheep for sale

Location: Far Western New South Wales

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

Location: Far Western New South Wales

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

Organic Pasture Silage (wraps)

Certified organic, up to 20 tons

Cutting within 3 to 4 weeks

Location: High energy Echuca

Contact: Craig 0427 099 588 0427 099 588

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)

Organic Sorghum - Level A certified available

Available now

Deferred delivery available

Location: QLD

Contact: 0419 657 245

Schooner barley

11.4% protein

Malting grade, clean, good weight and colour

Location: Central NSW

Biodynamic certification 2232BD

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

Schooner barley

16% protein

Clean, good weight and colour

Location: Central NSW

Biodynamic certification 2232BD

Contact: Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

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

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

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 Sale

89 Acres of certified organic/biodynamic land on the Comboyne Plateau

Property Features:

- * Permanent water with running creeks and high annual rainfall
- * Rich red volcanic soil
- * Fully fenced
- * Dairy bales, additional shedding and infrastructure
- * Established free range egg production
- * Comfortable large weatherboard home
- * 4 big bedrooms
- * Close to Comboyne Village (shops and school)
- * Easy drive to Wauchope and coastal beaches
- * Superb rural lifestyle with the potential to diversify

Location: 161 Colling Road, Comboyne NSW

Price: \$795, 000

MT FROME VINEYARD Certified Organic & Biodynamic Certificate Number 10842BD Mudgee NSW

This vineyard is one of the most picturesque in the district with commanding views over Mudgee. It is only 7Km from Mudgee with bitumen to the front gate.

Mt Frome Vineyard is 32.78Ha (81 acres) and the homestead is 400²M brick and hardiplank

There are also two large machinery sheds on the property. Mt Frome's water supply is a highlight of the property. There is a Bore with a licence for 117 million litres per annum, pumps at 6L/Sec + 25ML licensed irrigation dam. The vineyard is approximately 20Ha and all grapes are sold at \$1250/t with on-going sales agreement.

In addition to the vineyard, Mt Frome Estate has a small commercial Hazelnut nursery, producing 15,000 trees per year. There is approx 8Ha available for grazing or the development of further intensive agriculture

For more information go to:

<http://mtfromestate.weebly.com/organic-biodynamic-farm-for-sale.html>

Contact: Bruce: 0429 313 694 / 0429 313 694

Fully certified biodynamic (Cert #ACO 8005A) property for sale; an organic operation, on 8.35 hectares (20 acres) in Lambells Lagoon, 50 kms SE of Darwin.

Property is situated on a natural rise with well drained soil at the end of a quiet dirt road. There is an existing plantation of Red Lady papaya, approx' 1000 trees. All other cropping areas (including a block area of approx' 3 acres and approx' 5 kms of 100 mtr rows) are presently cropped with a green manure of mung beans. These rows all have established pvc and poly irrigation mains-bore runs well at 3litre/sec.

Certified packing shed with dimensions of- 7.5m wide, 16m long and 3.6m high. Shed contains a 5 x 6 m coolroom (internal area will fit 12 pallets) , mango grading equipment, and 2 aluminium packing benches, banana spinning wheel, 2 x jacks, harvesting lugs x70, picking poles, seed stock, certified organic nutritional inputs comprising of - 8 tonne cert org base nutrients. Three phase power to bore, coolroom, compost tea brewer, and hot dip equipment.

Nursery area includes 2 x igloos set up with internal overhead misters and shade-clothed outside area is approx' 6m x 10m and contains 4 x 6m long, 1m wide potting benches. 100's of dragonfruit cuttings - red flesh variety. Nursery adjacent to tractor shed.

Excellent relations in place with wholesale agents in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. This operation has supplied zucchini, eggplant, basil, cucumbers, chilli, pumpkin, watermelon, rockmelon, mangos and papaya to these markets.

Growing conditions during the dry season are perfect for supplying the southern winter market with these produce lines. (Our ACO certification also extends to cover a neighboring paddock of 5 acres for melon crop and a neighbouring plantation of 1000 KP mangos)

Very large, ground-level, besser block house with high-set ceiling includes 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, spacious open-plan living area, lrg kitchen and dining area, with ceiling fans throughout. Adjoining undercover carport and one outside shower hidden amongst jasmine and hibiscus.

(3 x caravans situated between nursery and house have been utilised for WWOOFer accommodation)

BONUS: more farming equipment than you can poke a stick at!!!.....(a full list will be made available on request)

Selling price, \$900,000.00

For more information, please contact David and Tamara, Ph: 08 8984 9288 08 8984 9288 , E:

hu_organics@yahoo.com.au

For Lease

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 that supply has become an issue since the storms and floods across the Eastern States. He says this has affected access to abattoirs which in turn has affected supply to the retail market.

Peter Gall from The Organic Meat Company in Queensland agrees that this is an issue affecting many producers, abattoirs and retailers.

“It is being rectified and we hope to get back to normal business in the next couple of weeks. There are plenty of cattle there; it’s getting them out that is the problem. We’ll just be playing catch-up for a while.”

“The biggest problems are the roads and the damage done to them by the floods, but we’ll be back on track soon. The demand is good and there’s premium in the price for organic beef; it remains ahead of the conventional market. It’s going to be a great year if we can get the roads open and get the cattle out.”

MARKET UPDATE – LAMB

Toby Scales from Cleavers Organic Meat Company says that following the floods there’s starting to be enough dry country to get the trucks moving again, and the organic lamb market is doing well.

“Prices are back up to \$6 over the hook, and there’s a very open grid with no significant penalties. The problems caused by the floods are diminishing daily with New South Wales starting to dry out very quickly and South West Queensland is beginning to move again. So, we’re starting to see sheep coming in.”

Toby also says there isn’t a large premium in organic lamb at the moment, but it is there in combination with good skin values which are retained by the owners.

MARKET UPDATE – HORTICULTURE

Des Webster, the buyer for Melba Fresh Organics, says there are definite shortages of some organic fruit and vegetables at the moment, which has pushed prices up.

“Some prices are above what we’d expect this time of year due to shortages, but we’re not sure what impact the floods in Queensland will have on the market at the moment,” Des said.

“At this time of year a large proportion of the market’s organic fruit and vegetables is sourced from the southern regions of Australia, but come winter, Queensland growers supply a greater percentage of the market’s needs. With the ongoing rains and damage from the extensive floods, unless Queensland growers can plant for winter the longer term affects are still unknown.

Des says that demand has declined as prices have increased.

“Stone fruit has been affected by high humidity and prices have been high, but this has caused demand to be lower. Grapes have also been affected by the humidity, so again prices are high and demand is lower.”

Monika Fiebig from Monika's Organics in South Australia says that there's been a shortage of organic sweet potatoes and potatoes generally, and the price of organic vegetables has increased across the board.

The demand for bunch line produce has been good, especially spring onions, but demand for other vegetables has not been high and business is slow.

"Potatoes and pumpkins went up in price before the floods and remain high, and organic broccoli and carrots have also increased in price. Cauliflower and cabbage are fairly stable, although cauliflowers have been a bit short in supply," Monika said.

STORY – FLOOD IMPACT ACROSS SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND

As the flood waters rose across SE Qld, businesses, farmers and individuals did what they could to save themselves, their families and property. At Brisbane Markets the water crept up, and as it ascended Ross Cowling and the staff of United Organics took to the rafters of their warehouse and began to haul up whatever they could.

"We knew the flood was going to be fairly big, so we began to put the stock up high. By Wednesday morning we had most stuff lifted up, including office equipment. The water came up 1.8 metres into the warehouse. We had to paddle out by canoe; there was no other way we could get out," Ross said.

Ross says they didn't lose too much stock in the flood, but when the power went off they lost more, including most of the dairy produce and a lot of the greens, but compared to some of the other agents in the market they fared reasonably well.

"We were all back in here on the Friday afternoon cleaning up and we had a huge amount of volunteers helping us - family, staff, customers, friends, friends of friends; we wouldn't have been able to do it without them. We spent all weekend cleaning up and even into the early hours of Monday, and by Monday morning we were operating again," Ross said.

With United Organics now trading once more, they are doing their best to let their regular customers know that it's business as usual. Some things need replacing, but Ross says it is just a matter of time until everything is fully functional, and he and his staff count themselves lucky to have come off so lightly considering the damage and losses to many other businesses.

At Lowood Organics, Bill Morcus is still counting the cost to his land, crops and property. While his homestead was above the water level, possessions under the house were badly damaged.

"We lost three air conditioners, fridges and freezers. We had about four foot of water go through the place. We've lost our three tractors, the sheds and all the crops. The tomatoes went bad and the capsicums have all gone," Bill said

Bill knew the water was on its way after it swept through Toowoomba, but he didn't think it would get so high and cause the damage that it did. The property still has no electricity after two weeks, but he has been managing with gas and a generator.

"There's a fair bit of damage and we're just cleaning up as we go along. No one expected it to happen here, we're high up; but the force of the water was unbelievable. There were tanks floating by, there's a fridge on top of my shed and I don't know where it came from. I've got a 44 gallon drum of molasses in my front yard and it's not mine, it floated down in the flood."

Bill is already planning what he needs to do next, but he knows it will take time before the land and infrastructure is back to normal. Despite this he remains positive, and like so many people who are struggling with the devastating damage caused by the floods he is counting his blessings.

"It's a matter of just fixing everything up and we'll start again," he said.

STORY – BFA’S NEW-LOOK WEBSITE

Biological Farmers of Australia has freshened up its online look with a new website that offers easy to use drop-down lists and simple navigation tools.

Everyone from farmers, through to consumers and media, look to BFA as the “voice of Australian organics”. With the growth in numbers of enquiries, BFA recognised the need to re-design the website to become a hub for different groups of people.

BFA’s General Manager Holly Vyner says the website provides a number of new features which will greatly assist consumers and industry members.

“Every day the BFA answers questions from consumers and others relating to organic food and farming. The new website features a forum for consumers to ask questions of BFA nutritionists, BFA representatives on standards, and even questions of organic growers,” Ms Vyner said.

The forum is broken into sections including; ‘Ask a farmer’, ‘Ask a nutritionist’ and the ‘Organic discussion board’ and available for anyone to access.

The ‘Ask a farmer’ forum is primarily used by current or potential organic producers who have production or market related questions they would like to ask of other producers.

The consumer section of the site, which can be accessed directly at www.whyorganic.com.au, includes new information for consumers on what is organic food and how to live an organic lifestyle, as well as where to buy organic produce and products.

“We have had producers contribute questions and answers on topics including managing buffalo flies, black spot in wine grapes, spray drift and others. If an answer isn’t forthcoming, BFA assists to source the answers from producers and posts them on the website. As the forum becomes well known it will be a highly valuable archive of information which growers can use to search previously posted questions and answers.

The next stage in BFA’s web development will be links to social media pages including Twitter and Facebook. Watch this space.

EVENTS

BFA EVENTS

The first BFA Roadshow for 2011 will be held at Lark Hill Winery, Bungendore on Friday 25th March. Lark Hill Winery produces wines using biodynamic principles and for anyone coming along to the roadshow there will be an opportunity to taste the wines at the end of the day for a small additional cost.

For the Victorian Roadshow, Steve Skopilianos from Ladybird Organics at Keilor will host this year’s event. Ladybird Organics is a third-generation family operation and uses traditional and natural farming methods with the advantage of today’s technology.

In South Australia the roadshow will be held at the Temple Bruer Winery with David Bruer providing insights from his ... years of growing certified organic grapes. Temple Bruer Winery is not only an award winning winery, but plans to be 100% carbon neutral by 2012. David Bruer is one of 33 Australian farmers chosen to be part of the Climate Champion program – an initiative to improve communication about managing climate change between scientists and farmers.

A full list of dates and locations will be published shortly at www.bfa.com.au.

OTHER EVENTS

Australian Certified Organic stand at BioFach Germany, 16-19 February '11

With events across the globe, and around Australia and New Zealand over the coming months, there are plenty to choose from. Arguably the largest and most recognised certified organic trade show is BioFach Germany which runs from Wednesday to Saturday, 16th to 19th February. All the organic food exhibited is certified to the EU Organic Regulation or the accreditation directives of IFOAM, the patron of BioFach. BFA Group has partnered with Australian Culinary Foods (ACF) to present the Australian Certified Organic stand. Australian organic food, beverages, textiles, personal care and skincare companies have the opportunity to present products to buyers and distributors in the various markets at BioFach and benefit from post-show support for following through trade enquiries.

For more information contact Herman Claassens: herman@culinaryfoods.com

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EMAIL/WEB
Wednesday February 16 th Saturday February 19 th	Nuremberg, Germany	Australian Certified Organic stand at BioFach	www.biofach.de/en/
Friday March 25 th	Lark Hill Winery, Bungendore, NSW	BFA Roadshow	www.bfa.com.au
Monday April 4 th to Thursday April 7 th	National Wine Centre, Adelaide	International Symposium Managing Organic Matter & Using Compost in Horticulture	www.compost-for-horticulture.com
TBA	Ladybird Organics, Keilor, Victoria	BFA Roadshow	www.bfa.com.au
TBA	Temple Bruer Winery, Strathalbyn, SA	BFA Roadshow	www.bfa.com.au
Saturday May 7 th to Monday May 9 th	Beijing CHINA	International Organic Food and Green Food Expo	www.gnfexpo.com.cn
Saturday May 28 th to Sunday May 29 th	Auckland, NZ	Organic Expo and Green Living Show	www.organicexpo.co.nz