



Organic Market News

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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

Angus Cows

17 Registered Angus cows (7 certified), 12 confirmed PTIC to top stud bull (NGMD498) to calve Sept/Oct.

Merrila Park, Parkesbourne NSW 2580

ACO certification 10759A

Contact: Toni Mury (02) 4829 2208

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

SILAGE, HAY AND GRAINS**For Sale****Hay 5x4 rolls and small squares**

clover/pasture/oaten

Milang SA

NCO certified 5360

Contact: Tim Brown 0427 737 579

LUPINS

Milang SA

NCO certified 5360

Contact: Tim Brown 0427 737 579

Sorghum - Cert A- ACO & USDA

ACO certification 4121A

Central Queensland

Contact: Kevin - 0419 657 245

Feed For Sale

a) Silage: Rye, Pasture & Clover (10/11 Season 1st Cut) - Approx 300 rolls

b) Hay: Rye & Pasture (10/11 Season 1st Cut) - Approx 130 Rolls

c) Pasture & Clover (Standing) – Approx 80 rolls

In Conversion 10941C

Location: Echuca Area

Contact: Craig 0427 099 588

Hay for Sale – ACO and NOP certified (4368A USDA)

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

Lucerne hay – large square bales – all grades

!!!SHED CLEARANCE PRICES!!!

Location: Whetstone Organics, Inglewood, Qld

Contact: Rick McDougall on 0429 665 762

Biodynamic Barley, Malt & High Protein

Clean with no weather damage

ACO certification 2232BD

Location: Peak Hill, NSW

Contact Ray Unger 02 6869 7635

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

Hay

Cereal/forage barley hay – large square bales – all grades
Lucerne hay – large square bales – all grades
ACO and NOP certification 4368A
Whetstone Organics, Inglewood Qld
Contact: Rick McDougal 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

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 Mooleyarrah Station (02) 6874 7753

LAMB

Lambs Wanted

Lambs - Store 34+kg LWT, or Fat 44+ kg LWT

Contact Craig (Ballendella, Vic) 0427 099 588

BEANS, LEGUMES

Soya Beans

Good quality A-Grade 791 variety

Approx 50 Tonne

\$930/ Tonne - on-farm price

ACO certification 2407A

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 & OLIVES

For Sale

700 Kg Organically Certified Jumbo Kalamata Green Olives Hand-picked.

ACO certification 2438A

Location: Balranald South West NSW

Contact: 03 5020 1585

10 - 20 Ton Organic shiraz

13 year old vines very minimal water low yield excellent colour

OGA certification 10367A

Location: Jamestown, SA

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 BY TENDER

Lakelands Olives For Sale By Tender

The olive grove and processing facility called Lakelands Olives is for sale by tender.

ACO certification 2435BD

The Tenders close on Thursday 9th June.

- Under 3 hours to Sydney, 10 minutes to Rylstone and 45 minutes to Mudgee
- State-of-the-art processing and packaging facility – designed for further expansion
- Drip-irrigated olive grove
- Magnificent 18 acre lake set in a picturesque location – ideal for recreational, irrigation and property water supply
- Well presented improvements - rustic timber cottage, tourist pavilion, machinery shed, nursery and biodynamic preparation area.
- Excellent ongoing and highly experienced staff
- “Lakelands Olives” has been carefully created in a natural environment which complements the property’s biodynamic and organic status.
- “Lakelands Olives” offers not only an ongoing business with a proven track record but also a wonderful and diverse country lifestyle.

Contact: David Nolan
Phone: +61 (02) 8394 8875
Fax: +61 (02) 9318 0033
Mobile: 0447 278 236
Email: david@websternolan.com.au
Web: www.websternolan.com.au

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 55acres 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 1to 1.5 tons per acre
- RICE 2 tons per acre
- CORN 3 tons per acre
- OATEN HAY 10 to14 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 ROLING 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>

For Lease

Organic Farm Lease - 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.

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

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**.

POSITION WANTED

Eliza Reilly from Melbourne Australia completed a permaculture certificate with Rick Coleman in April 2011. Eliza is about to embark on an overseas trip to South America, her journey flies her to Peru where she will be working in a village to help build sustainable huts and vegetable patches and gardens. On her return she is seeking work on a biodynamic farm within Australia from the 7th December 2011 onwards. Please contact her if a position needs filling: respondtoeliza@hotmail.com

MARKET UPDATE – BEEF

Peter Gall from The Organic Meat Company says the domestic market for organic beef is currently not strong but the US market is going well.

“The overseas market is good and we are mostly buying US/NOP cattle at the moment. The domestic market does not take enough volume, so it's good for producers to get their NOP status as it will give them more options,” Peter said.

Peter went on to say that price is holding up well in the overseas (US) market and demand is still strong.

“The cattle are in beautiful condition at the moment, despite the frosts out west, which slows down weight gain. Overall, the cattle are looking really good and after all the droughts and floods are finally in great supply.”

MARKET UPDATE – LAMB

Toby Scales from Cleavers Organic Meats says the price of lamb has dropped to \$5.50, and there may be some more falls to come, though not such significant falls.

“These drops in price are a result of reduced sales in the US in the conventional lamb market, which has then impacted on the organic lamb industry,” Toby said.

Toby believes this has come about from a strong Australian dollar and that the US consumption is generally down.

“Demand and supply locally is still strong and on a par with previous months. The prices are back to where the processors are making money again. The quality of the lambs is very good and reflective of the season.”

MARKET UPDATE – HORTICULTURE

Ross Cowling from United Organics says that the prices for organic fruit and vegetables are a mixed bag at the moment.

“Demand is fairly flat right now and I think it’s because consumers are holding on to their money to pay off debts rather than spending it on consumables. Conventional and organic cucumbers and tomatoes are in short supply, so prices are high across the board. Pawpaw, bananas and capsicums are also all at a high price, but jap pumpkins are very low, while broccoli, cauliflowers and cabbage are at a reasonable price,” Ross said.

Ross went on to say that the apple harvest was low this year due to the extended wet weather, but prices for oranges have come down and mandarins remain stable.

He believes other states will be in a similar position to Queensland when it comes to market prices as they source much of their produce from the northern states at this time of year.

STORY – FIRE ANT UPDATE

Fire Ants Promptly Destroyed in the Lockyer Valley – A Reminder for Landholders to Look, Check, Call!

By Rochelle Crowe

The tramp ants are some of the most invasive types of ants in Australia, posing a great threat to our ecosystem and biological diversity. Fire ants are listed as a tramp ant species – one of agriculture’s most serious introduced pests.

Biosecurity Queensland (BQ) lists the fire ants as a pest that is impacting greatly on agricultural production such as the destroying of sorghum seeds.

BQ has been on the hunt for fire ants since they were first discovered in Brisbane in February 2001. The most recent infestation was detected in the Lockyer Valley region, near Laidley.

The nest was promptly destroyed after the report from a vigilant landowner on June 14, with samples of the ants tested and confirmed as Red Imported Fire Ants.

BQ officer Graham Redhead said that no additional nests have been discovered within the area following surveillance conducted by staff and detection dogs. The surveillance also involved contacting local farmers and residents in regards to the incident with no further reports found.

Graham commented on the accuracy and success of Biosecurity Queensland Control Centre (BQCC) detection dogs as an important role in the eradication process. The dogs are trained to sniff out fire ants that are hidden from the human eye, even ones that are underground. The dogs also wear a GPS device to track the area they cover each day.

“It’s hard work, yet the hunting of fire ants is a game for dogs,” Graham said.

Although treatment and containment measures are crucial, Graham stressed that reporting a suspected sighting is what it all comes back to. It was recorded that the landowner in the Lockyer Valley was prompted to make a report due to seeing an unusual ant’s mound. He said it’s essential to report all suspected and uncertain sightings as fire ants can be confused with coastal common brown ants and local native ants.

Anyone who suspects they know of a fire ant nest should contact BQ as soon as possible. If sightings are not reported landholders may face heavy fines. Those treating the nest themselves can cause further spread of the ants creating additional problems for others and BQCC.

“If you suspect fire ants, do not touch the ants or the nest as we will be on site to treat the problem as quickly as possible,” Graham said.

BQ highlights that the spread of fire ants occurs due to movement of the queen ant contained in high-risk material. Extra precaution is taken by BQ with implementation of movement restrictions in high-risk areas under the Fire Ant Eradication Program. This includes movement of soil, sand and similar products; mulch and green wastes; baled hay and straw; landscaping and construction materials; and machinery and earth moving equipment.

Graham said that if a nest is positive for fire ants the area is isolated and treated accordingly.

Australian Certified Organic (ACO) outlines in the Australian Certified Organic Standard 2010 *Use of Prohibited Substances*, that land requiring the use of prohibited substances on existing certified lands shall be withdrawn from certification. Michael Baker, certification manager of ACO, commented that this is still being discussed with regards to whether the use of certain chemical substances to destroy fire ants will meet the organic requirements.

Fire ants are small, ranging from 2-6 mm, their heads and bodies are coppery brown with darker abdomens, they are aggressive, and their nests usually have no visible entry or exit holes. The nests often appear as dome-shape mounds and can reach up to 40cm high.

To request a site inspection or for further information about fire ants contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23. Residents can also see whether their suburb is in the fire ant restricted area by visiting www.dpi.qld.gov.au/fireants.

For more information about certification contact ACO on 07 3350 5706.

STORY – FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Following the success of the Australian *Farmer of the Year awards* last year the Kondinin Group and ABC Rural will be running the awards again in 2011.

Companies and individuals are invited to nominate- farmers or customers who are passionate and professional in their day to day farming operations. This is a great opportunity to connect with your customers.

The *Australian Farmer of the Year Awards* celebrate the highly professional, innovative and sustainable approach of our farmers, showcasing their passion and raising the profile of the important role they play in Australia.

The Awards are designed to promote a positive image of Australian farmers, inspire and encourage career choices and investment interest in Australian agriculture.

2010 saw the inaugural launch of the Awards and attracted entrants from across Australia and the agricultural industry. The Awards culminated at the celebratory gala dinner held in Sydney on September 21, where more than 250 people gathered to celebrate the achievements of the Award finalists and the industry as a whole.

The *2011 Australian Farmer of the Year Awards* will again be a premier event on the Australian agricultural calendar.

The Awards dinner offers everyone in the industry a superb opportunity to:

- Celebrate the achievements of Australian farmers
- Host your own table at the prestigious event
- Network with industry
- Enjoy top quality Australian food and wine

About the *Farming Ahead 2011* conference

The *Farming Ahead 2011* conference will present one of this year's most comprehensive and insightful presentations into three of the biggest issues confronting Australian agriculture today — land, water and carbon.

As global populations explode, farmers will be expected to grow more from less and in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable way. Some of this country's leading minds and thinkers will discuss the challenges and the opportunities with Farming Ahead delegates.

This year's conference will bring together government policy makers, agricultural suppliers, primary producers and the scientific research community.

The *Australian Farmer of the Year Awards* celebrates the Australia's professional, innovative and passionate farmers.

Are you Australia's next *Farmer of the Year*? Or do you know someone who deserves recognition for their contribution to Australia's agricultural industry?

Nominating yourself or someone you know for an award is a great way to contribute to the future of the industry, and showcase the remarkable achievements of our farmers.

So put modesty aside and start nominating today. Nominations close July 18.

- ***Farmer of the Year***
- ***Farmer Industry Leader of the Year***
- ***Biosecurity Farmer of the Year***
- ***Diversification Farmer of the Year***
- ***Grain Grower of the Year***
- ***Wool Producer of the Year***
- ***Livestock Producer of the Year***
- ***Young Farmer of the Year***

For more information visit <http://www.kondinigroup.com.au/static.ASP?t=2&l=16> or contact Kondinin Group on 1800 677 761 or email verity.todd@kondinin.com.au

WINTER 2011 EDITION OUT NOW!

Consumer demand for organic produce continues to outstrip supply for a number of sectors, and this can only bode well for the industry as it continues to steadily grow. Education is the key to ensuring consumers are aware of the health, animal welfare and wide-spread environmental benefits organic production offers.

The Australian Organic Producer provides a place for those working in the industry, in its many and varied forms, to allow readers to benefit from their experience through their stories. It's also a forum to look at scientific research findings, trials and case studies that will assist producers in their own operations.

HIGHLIGHTS from Australian Organic Producer Winter 2011

Who's the top dog now? *by Alison J Beaty*

The emotional and financial toll of losing stock to wild dogs can drive a business under. Finding a management tool that is effective and suitable within the standards for certified organic stock can be challenging; but the use of livestock guardian animals (LGA) is a solution some producers are having remarkable success with.

One animal which stands out as a livestock guardian is maremma dogs. While the training of these animals is very specific, with strict guidelines to ensure they are bonded to the stock, the payoff is undeniable, with calmer livestock safe from predatory wild dogs.

Enhancing invertebrate biodiversity: As part of an integrated pest management program *by Dr Paul Umina & Dr Aston Arthur*

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a vital part of managing crops and land in a sustainable and organic manner. While beneficial insects can be purchased and released onto the land, another option, which offers additional benefits, is to grow shelterbelts alongside crops or pastures - which increase beneficial insects naturally.

In this article, Dr Paul Umina & Dr Aston Arthur, from the University of Melbourne, give an insight in to the rationale behind the use of shelterbelts, and demonstrate how they are instrumental for IPM.

Coal Seam Gas: Is it all it's fraced up to be? *by Alison J Beaty*

Coal seam gas (CSG) is being touted as the 'green' energy that may decrease the world's reliance on oil and coal – but accessing and extracting the gas is causing concern for producers, environmentalists and the community at large.

In this article we explore some of the developments in the CSG extraction industry, and discuss some of the many concerns organic farmers have about the impact CSG is having on the land.

Organic Weed Control: 7 steps to reducing herbicides *by Adam Willson*

If you are looking for ways to reduce herbicides on your land this article is a great place to start. Outlining seven steps to herbicide reduction, Adam Willson's article is a practical explanation of techniques and alternatives for those in-conversion, or producers just keen to cut back on their chemical use and dependence.

Going under cover *by Jan Nary*

Jeff and Susan Brown took an unusual road in the world of certified organic production when they decided to grow their produce in greenhouses. Seeing this as an opportunity to grow out-of-season vegetables and thus develop a niche market, they have worked hard and invested heavily in this form of horticulture.

In this profile of their business, and the journey they have taken, Jan Nary outlines the pros and cons of greenhouse certified organic farming.

Other articles and regulars include:

- **Higher costs and rationalisation: Where will it leave the organic lamb industry**
- **Downy but not out... Disease management in vineyards**
- **Book reviews**
- **Vegetable grower profile: Anthony Beutel from Googa Farms**
- **Product and contact directory**
- **Events at home and overseas**
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For more information or to receive a copy of **Australian Organic Producer** magazine contact the BFA on ph 07 3350 5716 ext 222; email alison.beaty@bfa.com.au.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP:

The next few months are going to be packed with events the Biological Farmers of Australia will be organising or involved with, and sponsorship/partnership is now being sought. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of these exciting events, which will put your products/produce on display to a wide range of event attendees for a relatively small outlay.

Events include:

- **5 – 7 August: Organic Expo and Green Show – Sydney**
- **6 August: BFA Networking Dinner (with Wilbur Wilde providing the entertainment) - Sydney**
- **13 – 14 August: International Spa and Beauty Expo – Sydney**
- **5 – 14 October: BFA Biological Roadshows (with Gary Zimmer as key speaker)**

Don't miss out – opportunities to be involved are limited. For more information contact Joel Williams, Sales and Sponsorship Manager: 07 3350 5716 ext: 232

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EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER GARY ZIMMER TO LEAD THE 2011 BFA ROADSHOWS

Mark your diary now for the arrival of respected author and consultant on biological farming Gary Zimmer, from Wisconsin, USA! Gary is joining the BFA Roadshow this October as keynote speaker as part of an excellent program of speakers. The roadshow will take place over a two week period reaching six regional centres in six different states.

For more information about Gary and books he has published visit: www.acresusa.com

For further information on Roadshow dates and bookings, visit www.bfa.com.au or ph 07 3350 5716

ROADSHOWS:

DATES	LOCATIONS
WEDNESDAY 5 th Oct	STANTHORPE QLD
THURSDAY 6 th Oct	MULLUMBIMBY/BYRON NSW
SATURDAY 8 th Oct	LABERTOUCHE VIC
MONDAY 10 th Oct	HOBART TAS
WEDNESDAY 12 th Oct	STRATHYLBYN SA
FRIDAY 14 th Oct	PERTH WA

OTHER EVENTS:

QUEENSLAND LANDCARE CONFERENCE 2011

The 22nd annual Queensland Landcare Conference takes place 20-23 September in Ayr. The event is expected to attract around 250 people and includes keynote presentations from Dr Linda Selvey, CEO Greenpeace Australia Pacific and Dr John Williams, member Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and Commissioner for Natural Resources in NSW. Speakers will cover topics as broad as stewarding the rangelands for the future, how bats act as guardians of our forests, engaging young people in landcare, biodiversity planning, using science from space to save soils and much, much more. Four field trips will also allow delegates to get a feel for land management issues and solutions in the Burdekin and a hearty range of social functions will allow delegates to unwind and network landcare-style. Community registration is only \$420 before 1 September. Further information is available by contacting Event Manager, Wombat Creative on 07 5538 5109 or landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	EMAIL/WEB
Sunday July 3 rd to Wednesday July 6 th	Adelaide	Protected Cropping Australia Conference	www.protectedcroppingaustalia.com
Tuesday July 19 th to Saturday July 23 rd	Brisbane	6th World Environmental Education Congress	www.education.monash.edu.au/staff/ednews/article.php?id=1257
Friday August 5 th to Sunday 7 th August	Sydney	International Organic Expo & Green Show	http://sydney.organicexpo.com.au/
Saturday 6 th August	Sydney	BFA Networking Dinner	www.bfa.com.au
Sunday 31 st July to Saturday 6 th August	Coff's Harbour, NSW	Quantum Agriculture - Advanced Course Level One	www.Quantumagriculture.com
5 – 14 October	National	BFA Biological Roadshow	www.bfa.com.au

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