

Inspiring, supporting, and empowering through ecological organic principles.

MOA NEWS

IT IS 2018! If you have not registered as a MOA member you still have time to pay your membership dues to take full advantage of your **YEARLY membership**.

See insert for membership details!



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PRIORITIES FOR THE FARM BILL

Healthy Markets

NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP) AND TRADE OVERSIGHT

While all domestic and imported organic products must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture's strict standards, an emphasis on authority and capacity to conduct investigations will keep organic markets strong.

- ✓ Authorize funding for NOP to keep pace with organic industry growth
- ✓ Fund a one-time \$5M to upgrade international oversight systems and trade tracking
- ✓ Require USDA to report to Congress on investigations and actions taken



EXPORT PROMOTION

U.S. organic exports are up 60%, creating jobs in the U.S. and driving demand overseas. Expansion of the Market Access Program (MAP) will create new opportunities for U.S. farmers.

- ✓ Support H.R. 2321, the Cultivating Revitalization by Expanding American Agricultural Trade and Exports (CREATE) Act



Successful Farmers

RESEARCH

Increased support for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) program to \$50 million per year will ensure that organic farmers can continue to meet the unique challenges they face.

- ✓ Support H.R. 2436, the Organic Agriculture Research Act introduced by Rep. Pingree (D-ME) and Rep. Newhouse (R-WA).



RISK MANAGEMENT

Organic farmers need USDA to make improvements in the farm safety net to have appropriate risk management tools.

- ✓ Continue Whole-Farm Revenue Protection
- ✓ Develop organic price elections for storage loans offered



Expanded Production

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Access to capital, infrastructure, technical expertise, and market connections between buyers and sellers are vital.

- ✓ Encourage organic's eligibility within rural development programs:
 - Rural business development grants
 - Locally and regionally produced agricultural food products
 - Value-added agricultural product market development grants



CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Organic practices strongly align with approved practices within conservation incentive programs.

- ✓ Recognize required organic practices within the full suite of conservation programs including the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



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Letter From the President

This we know.

The earth does not belong to us,

We belong to the earth.

All things are connected

Like the blood which units one family.

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth

Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

We did not weave the web of life,

We are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web,

We do to ourselves....

Chief Seattle



WOW!! The 2018, 3-day MOA Conference concluded February 2, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, MO with lots of exciting information gained, ideas shared, and networks formed with our organic neighbors from all over the Midwest.

I was struck by the camaraderie shared at the presentations, in the exhibit hall, in the hallways, and at the Thursday evening dinner reception and keynote addresses. The conference perfectly furthered the mission of MOA-- "To inspire, support, and empower through ecological principles".

Much gratitude and thanks to all our wonderful sponsors and exhibit hall vendors who made the conference a success. Thanks also to all our dedicated presenters and volunteers who shared their valuable time and knowledge and inspired us all to try new ideas and methods in our own farms and gardens.

Our job now is to build on our own knowledge gained to create healthy living soils, clean air, clean water and ultimately healthy food, healthy bodies, and healthy families and communities.

The officers and board of directors of MOA wish you all a prosperous and healthy 2018, and invite you to attend our next MOA annual conference January 24-26, 2019, when we return to Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, MO.

Dan Kuebler



Senators want to boost organic agriculture research

Source: The Associated Press; February 17, 2018 09:32 AM Updated: February 17, 2018 09:33 AM

Two U.S. senators are introducing legislation intended to improve research for organic farming. Democratic Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine express their legislation would reauthorize and increase (incrementally) funding for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The senators say federal investment in organic agriculture research has not kept up with industry growth. Therefore, U.S. production of organic products has not kept up with the demand from consumers, Collins and Casey express. According to Collins, Maine's organic agriculture industry has blossomed by greater than 75percent over the last five years. She believes that increased federal investment in research will help farmers to ensure they have the resources to meet the public demand.



Italian Chickpea Flatbread (Organic & Gluten-Free)

- 2.5 Cups organic chick-pea flour (also called garbanzo flour)
- 3.5 Cups fresh cold water
- 1 tsp himalayan or sea salt & black pepper, or to taste
- 1/4 Cup organic extra virgin olive oil

In a large mixing bowl, pour in the flour. Add the water gradually as you whisk the flour to keep any lumps from forming. Once all the water is added, mix until completely smooth and add salt and pepper as desired (keep in mind the recipe does not need much salt).

Let mixture stand on counter for approximately 3 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Gently skim off any froth that forms on the surface of the mixture with a slotted spoon. Prepare a large cookie sheet by pouring the olive oil onto the bottom (do not be shy about using the olive oil). Once the oven is heated to 350 degrees, pour the batter into the pan, making a layer of approximately 1/4 inch deep. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes, until golden in color. Remove from oven when done and let cool a bit before cutting.

Delicious right out of the oven, plain, or with a little grated Parmesan over the top. Additional ideas: broccoli pesto, kale pesto, a tomato based chutney, or a sweet onion sauce. It is not recommended to double up on the beans such as hummus or bean dip. Enjoy!

Source: inpursuitofmore.com/November 12, 2012



Looking for social media content to prove the value and benefit of organic? Use the OTA graphic library.



Despite organic sales and accessibility reaching all-time highs, research reveals significant consumer confusion about organic's benefits. We've all seen the misleading headlines that organic can't feed the world or that it's not worth the cost.

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Together, by engaging with consumers and media with a consistent and clear voice, we can change these misconceptions and bring audiences that are 'on the fence' about organic into the fold.

OTA invites you to download their graphics at www.ota.com and share them on your social media channels to help reclaim the facts and correct long-held misconceptions about our industry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Visit ofof.sare.org for registration and program information.

This national event will bring together our diverse agricultural community: farmers and ranchers, agricultural professionals, agribusiness stakeholders, students, researchers, scientists, agency representatives, and nonprofit leaders. Every decade, SARE hosts a conference to look at the progress of sustainability in agriculture, and to understand our trajectory for the future.

• 2019 MOA CONFERENCE

JANUARY 24-26, 2019

**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
Independence, MO**



Classifieds

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- ♦ CERTIFIED ORGANIC Big Round Bales (web wrapped): 1st cutting alfalfa/red clover with oats/straw, \$90/ton (\$55 per 1240 lb. bale)- RFV 102, Protein 12%. 2nd cutting alfalfa/red clover, \$120/ton (not weighed yet)- RVF 121, Protein 16% Located near Topeka. Delivery fee will apply for a max. of 4 bales per trip or 34 bales on (semi) tractor-trailer. Jackie Keller, [785-633-4621](tel:785-633-4621), kellerjackie99@gmail.com

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Ads are due by the 15th of the month prior to publication (March ads are due Feb. 15). The MOA News is distributed in March, June, September, and December.

**We reserve the right to reject inappropriate advertising.*

