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### **Standards Interpretation Committee**

#### Questions and Answers Regarding National Standards for Organic Agriculture

- Does the crop in a buffer zone need to be visually distinguishable from the organic crop?**
- Can birds hatched from eggs treated with antibiotics be certified organic?**
- Can chlorine be used to disinfect poultry carcasses?**

The Standards Interpretation Committee submits new questions & answers to public consultation. These new interpretations are based on the revised Canadian Organic Standards published November 25 2015.

Please note that the consultation period is reduced to 30 days in order to speed up the processing of questions submitted by the sector.

[Click here](#) to consult the proposed answers by the SIC and submit your comments.

Special series – Short films

### **Organic producers engaging in research and innovation**

Today we present the following short films:

## Organic Nutraceuticals



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85MeNYosMAM>  
(4 min)

Nutra Canada is studying the production of certified organic extracts from cranberries, blueberries, strawberries, apples, melons, and various vegetables, and is designing an efficient biorefining process that will preserve the quality of the organic sources that are used. André Gosselin, the President of the enterprise, describes the challenges associated with the production of the best certified organic nutraceuticals.

**For a full description of the activity – [click here](#)**

## Geothermal and organic vegetables



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoeM-LrD-4>  
(6 min)

Frédéric Jobin-Lawler and Annie Lévesque, co-owners of the Abri végétal, are experimenting with the production of organic vegetables in a semi-closed greenhouse by testing the use of a geothermal pump that will help to optimize carbon dioxide levels while controlling the humidity of the greenhouse microclimate.

For a full description of the activity – [click here](#)

## Organic flowers good for the environment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RemuLn1DozM> (8 min)

For a full description of the activity – [click here](#)

## Silicon, a valuable fungicide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaRM7V1B3rl> (5 min)

For a full description of the activity – [click here](#)

## Searching for the best fertilization and lighting for the production of greenhouse vegetables

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSptluVx5AY> (9 min)

For a full description of the activity – [click here](#)

## Organic and nutraceutical hops

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAuQI9\\_jyBw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAuQI9_jyBw) (9 min)

For a full description of the activity, [click here](#)

More films to come! Enjoy!



## ***INVITATION!***

The Organic Federation of Canada will hold its  
**Annual General Meeting**

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 EST

at the Pinetree Room B,  
Royal Brock Hotel –Best Western, 716 Gordon St, Guelph, ON  
**AGM Panel**

A 1-hour panel discussion with audience participation  
**TOPIC: Sustaining the Organic Sector in Canada**

**Your vision for funding and managing:**

- the Permanent PSL Committee
- future standards revisions
- the brand names list for approved organic inputs
- regulatory issues as they arise
- scientific organic research
- basic organic extension services

**Who will do the work and how do we raise the money?**

### **Please join us!**

In-person: if you are attending the Guelph Conference

By telephone: toll-free from anywhere in Canada

**Full agenda will be circulated soon!**

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