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## Important survey

### How does research makes its way back to you

The OFC and the OACC want your help to make sure that the important research underway in organic agriculture in Canada makes its way back to you, the people who can put the research findings into practice.

By participating in this 7-minute survey, you will be providing us with insight into the resource types and information channels that are the most effective.



This survey is being conducted by the Organic Federation of Canada and Dalhousie University's Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated, and will be used to help plan knowledge transfer in the upcoming Organic Science Cluster III.

This anonymous survey will be open until May 29, 2017. If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Joanna White at [joanna.white@dal.ca](mailto:joanna.white@dal.ca).

[Click here](#) to go to the survey!

With your help, we can make sure that organic agriculture research has impact!

A convincing 'story-telling'

## How soil biology builds Resilience in Organic Systems



Dr. Kristine Nichols, from Rodale Institute, presented a 'to-understand' conference on how important is soil biology and how it builds resilience in organic systems at the Organic Connections Conference last November.

A nice example of knowledge transfer for all  
[Click here](#) to listen to this lively presentation

### Public consultation on the proposed Safe Food for Canadians Regulations OFC/FBC comments and recommendations



The public consultation on the proposed Safe Food for Canadians ended April 21<sup>st</sup>. OFC partnered with COG to present the [recommendations](#) from OFC members about the proposed SFCR.

The ball is now in the federal government's court: we hope that CFIA and Health Canada will be very attentive to the sector's recommendations. The growth of the organic sector depends on fair and realistic regulations that will protect the integrity of organic products while being manageable for organic operators.

## Standards Interpretation Committee

### Reminder - Public comment period - April 10 to May 10 2017

**Below is a list of questions raised by organic stakeholders, regarding the National Standards for Organic Agriculture.**

Can manure from confined animals feeding operations where 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 have been met be applied on organic land even if it contains prohibited substances?

Under CAN/CGSB-32.310 Section 6.7.2, can operators limit access to the outdoors to their entire herd / flock (such as goats, sheep, cattle, poultry) for the entire winter if the operator provides a letter from their veterinarian stating that access to the outdoors is detrimental to the health of the particular species of livestock?

Is mined elemental sulphur permitted as a soil amendment? What other sources of elemental sulphur are permitted?

...and many other questions.

**The proposed responses are posted on [OFC website](#), and are subject to a 30 day comment period. All comments regarding these answers should be sent to [OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca)**

## Reports from the Standards Interpretation Committee

Public Comment Period - January 17 to February 17 2017 – [click here](#)

Public Comment Period – February 6 to March 6 2017 – [click here](#)

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