



Quote of the Week

The Organic Revolution: How We Can Stop Global Warming

“The unpublicized ‘good news’ on climate change, according to the Rodale Institute and other soil scientists, is that transitioning from chemical, water, and energy-intensive industrial agriculture practices to organic farming and ranching on the world’s 3.5 billion acres of farmland and 8.2 billion acres of pasture or rangeland can sequester 7,000 pounds per acre of climate-stabilizing CO₂ every year, while nurturing healthy soils, plants, grasses, and trees that are resistant to drought, heavy rain, pests, and disease. Organic farms and ranches can provide us with food that is much more nutritious than industrial farms and ranches—food filled with vitamins, anti-oxidants, and essential trace minerals, free from GMOS, pesticides, antibiotics, and sewage sludge.” -Ronnie Cummins, “The Organic Revolution: How We Can Stop Global Warming”. www.is.gd/41db5



Video of the Week

Ripe for Revolution: The Organic Solution

Quotes from the video: “Climate change is one of the most challenging issues of our time. What if right beneath our feet there existed an affordable way to significantly resolve global warming?”

“Organic farming practices could sequester 39% of the world’s annual carbon dioxide load if applied to all cropland in the world.”

“If organic farming methods were practiced on all the planet’s food growing land, it would be like taking more than 1.4 billion cars off the road.” Watch the video: www.is.gd/41dms

The Science of Agriculture & Climate Change

Would you like to learn more about the science that explains the link between agriculture and climate? We’ve compiled resources for you in video format, including: Excerpts from Rodale Institute CEO Tim LaSalle’s PowerPoint presentation, *Regenerative 21st Century Farming: A Solution to Global Warming & The Organic Green Revolution*. LaSalle summarizes Rodale research that shows how the combination of organic agriculture, managed grazing and restorative forestry could sequester 100% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Excerpts from OCA’s advisory board member and Cedar Circle Farm director Will Allen’s PowerPoint presentation, *Climate Change and Agriculture: Time for a Paradigm Shift*. Allen explains that the key to reducing and sequestering greenhouse gases is to phase out the use of fossil fuel fertilizers and replace them with organic methods, including cover cropping, rotation and composting. www.is.gd/41dvC

Vía Orgánica Tour • November 15-22

OCA invites you to join us on an enjoyable and inspirational organic food and farming eco-tour November 15-22, hosted by our Mexican sister organization Vía Orgánica, based in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato. We have several spaces left and are offering a discounted price of \$850 for a week of bilingual workshops, tours to area organic farms, restaurants, stores, and green-building projects. Meet Mexican activists and savor gourmet organic meals and beverages, swim in our thermal pool, hike and bike and enjoy the cultural attractions of the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site of San Miguel de Allende. The theme of this tour will be *How Organic Food and Farming Can Stop Global Warming*. Check out our tours website and sign up now! organicconsumers.org/tours/index.cfm

Climate Actions of the Week

Join 350.org for Global Day of Climate Action • October 24

A year ago, we learned that if we let the amount of carbon in the atmosphere go above 350 parts per million, we can’t have a planet “similar to the one on which civilization developed and to which life on earth is adapted.” We’re already past that number—we’re at 390 parts per million! The good news: That number gives us a target to aim for. When the world’s leaders meet in Copenhagen in December to reach agreement on a new climate treaty, we need them to make sure they’ll put forward a plan that gets us back to safety. The 350.org website has a wealth of information, including this fact sheet on Food & Climate which encourages folks to “Go organic: If everyone converted 10% of their diet to organic, we could capture an additional 6.5 billion pounds of carbon in the soil - the equivalent of taking 2 million cars off the road each year!” Download the PDF at: www.is.gd/41dzF

Create Your Own Carbon Piggy Bank: Compost!

According to the Rodale Institute, organic farms that use compost can sequester carbon at a rate of up to 3,200 kg/ha/yr. Under the Kyoto Clean Development Mechanism, cities in the Global South are composting their organic waste (wood, straw, coffee residues, fresh green material and manure) to create carbon credits. Some US cities have also begun municipal composting. San Francisco has the nation’s first mandatory composting law. But it’s not just farmers and cities, you can compost at home! So, if you haven’t already, take your food, lawn, garden waste and make your very own carbon piggy bank: Compost! Here’s How: www.is.gd/41dBj

OCA Needs Your Help to Stop Global Warming

OCA is launching a public education campaign to stop global warming, with the inspiring message about how a Great Transition to organic farming and ranching can sequester enough dangerous greenhouse gases to buy the time we need to reduce fossil fuel use, build a healthy, green economy, and stabilize the climate. But we need your help. For the next 30 days a California Foundation has agreed to match your donations dollar for dollar. Please send a tax-deductible donation today: organicconsumers.org/donations.cfm

The Yes Men Strike Again

The corporate media and the fossil fuel lobby got a shock when activists in disguise, the “Yes Men,” staged a press conference in Washington, DC announcing that the US Chamber of Commerce had reversed its position on regulating climate change. A press advisory on official-looking letterhead announced that the Chamber was dropping its long-standing opposition to Congressional climate change legislation and would now support taxing carbon emissions. News wires quickly picked up the story, and within minutes it was being reported on the websites of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. The counterfeit press release and press conference also made its way onto cable news, including the Fox Business Network. At a press conference at the National Press Club, an activist posing as Chamber spokesperson “Hingo Sembrá,” read from a prepared statement: “Ecologists tell us that if we don’t enact dramatic reductions in carbon emissions today, within five years we could begin facing the propagating feedback loops of runaway climate change, which would mean a destruction of food and water supplies worldwide, with the result of mass migrations, famine and death on a scale never before imagined. Needless to say, that would be bad for business.”

The curtain came down when an official spokesperson for the Chamber, Eric Wohlschlegel, rushed into the room and told reporters that the press release was a hoax. www.is.gd/41dEZ