Saying NO To A Farm-Free Future: The Case For Agrarian Localism

Chris Smaje writes: “...the book takes a somewhat polemical approach in critiquing the arguments for manufactured food. But actually I found that this provided a pretty good foil for making an alternative case for agrarian localism, what I call in my book ‘a predominantly distributed rural population, energy restraint, diverse mixed farming for local needs, wildlands, human-centred science, popular smallholder democracy and keystone ecology’. So the book has that more positive framing too, much of which will be familiar to regular readers of this blog or of my previous book, although I like to think I’ve pushed a few things forwards. Still, it’s a short book, so a more detailed exposition awaits.”

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3NT8BPa

Sixteen Principles of Organic Healthy Eating

Do you have a healthy diet? It seems like we have all asked ourselves this question at some point in our lives. But what does that actually mean? If you read our newsletter, chances are that you already know that a diet of regenerative organic foods is a must. But are there more things to consider? Of course there are!

That’s one area where our friend Dr. Henry Ealy of the Energetic Health Institute can help us out! In this special episode of Good Vibes Healing, Dr. Ealy and Alexis dive into myth-buster mode as they explore key concepts and try to clear up some misconceptions about maintaining a healthy diet.

Watch the episode here: https://orgcns.org/3LxVndx

Help End Gain-of-Function Research in State Universities

As we first reported in our March 22nd, 2023 edition of Organic Bytes, Texas State Senator Bob Hall has introduced a bill that would prohibit Texas universities from conducting gain-of-function research.

This bill, TX SB 1583, rightfully identifies gain of function research as a “biosecurity vulnerability”, and points out that “the COVID-19 pandemic may have been the result of a pathogen leak from a secure lab in which gain-of-function research was being conducted”, something that the Energy Department has also concluded. Continuing this research is a threat to everyone’s safety, and it must be banned immediately in order to prevent future pandemics.

It’s time to end the reckless genetic engineering and weaponizing of pathogenic viruses and organisms!

If you live in Texas, Take Action here: https://orgcns.org/409rm8c
If you live outside of Texas; Take Action Here: https://orgcns.org/408S8iv

EPA Is Failing to Regulate Use of Toxic Herbicides Despite Court Order

Tom Perkins writes for the Guardian, “The US Environmental Protection Agency has in effect ignored a 2020 federal court order prohibiting the use of Monsanto and other producers’ toxic dicamba-based herbicides that are destroying millions of acres of cropland, harming endangered species and increasing cancer risks for farmers, new filings in the lawsuit charge.

Instead of permanently yanking the products from the market after the 2020 order, the EPA only required industry to add further application instructions to the herbicides’ labels before re-approving the products.”

Read more: https://orgcns.org/40JE4hm

The Power of Photosynthesis: RI on the Secrets of the Soil Podcast

André Leu, international director of Regeneration International, joined ‘Regen Ray’ on the Secrets of the Soil podcast last week. On the podcast, André explains how regenerative agriculture systems utilize the synergistic power that comes from biodiverse ecosystems. This knowledge fundamentally changes how we look at agriculture; Instead of competing for resources, the organisms within an ecosystem—such as plants, animals (including humans), and fungi—can work together to create a diverse and interconnected nutrient trade network. Plants use this network to exchange carbon-rich root exudates for the water, nutrients, and minerals that they need.

Listen to the podcast here: https://orgcns.org/3HkJ4VF

New Study: Atrazine Promotes Breast Cancer Development

Beyond Pesticides reports: “A study published in Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety finds that the commonly used herbicide, atrazine, promotes breast cancer development through suppression of immune cell stimulation, and thus function, and upregulation of enzymes mediating tumor development. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is a disease that causes breast cells to grow out of control, with the type of breast cancer depending on the cells themselves. Several studies and reports, including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data, identify hundreds of chemicals as influential factors associated with breast cancer risk.

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3qJksu1

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