



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Organic Dairy Production : exercise areas in winter

Certification Officer, Ms. Andr anne Nolette, attended a day long information session hosted by *Innovation et progr s en agroalimentaire au Centre-du-Qu bec* January 13th in Victoriaville covering a variety of topics related to organic dairy production including the new standard:

*6.8.3 Except for lactating cows, the continuous tethering of livestock is not permitted. When tie stalls are used in dairy barns in the winter season, **cows shall be allowed a period of exercise each day, when possible, and at least twice a week.***

Here are some solutions presented by the participants:

- Start by sending a small group of older cows out first
- Slowly add more and more cows
- Ensure that the main path has good grip (sand, wood shavings, lime) so that animals can move around without risk of injury

More information on this session is available on the MAPAQ website at www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca

TOOLBOX

CARTV

The CARTV is a regulatory body mandated by the government of Quebec to ensure the accreditation of certification bodies, to monitor their work and to oversee the use of protected terms, such as "Organic", in Quebec.

All concerns regarding the quality of services offered by accredited certification bodies, the compliance of products marketed in Quebec, and CARTV contribution fees can be communicated directly by telephone, email, or through the CARTV website. 514.864.8999

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ERRATUM

JAS: Individual Certification

An error was found in the fee schedule that was issued to farms and maple syrup producers at the beginning of this year. The 2012 JAS certification fees for individual farm or maple producers is \$995 and not \$1 250 as indicated.

If you have already submitted your 2012 renewal form and would like to add a JAS certification supplement in 2012, please contact us at 418-838-6941 or office.canada@ecocert.com

IN THE FIELD

Guelph Organic Conference

Ecocert Canada participated in the 31st Annual Guelph Organic Conference held January 26th-29th with a well received presentation on Ecocert Cosmetics certification by Ontario Representative Simon Jacques and Alain M nard from Green Beaver Company. We also had the great pleasure of meeting many of our Ontario clients in person at our booth at the well attended Organic trade show. We will be at **Eco Farm Day in Cornwall February 25th and 26th**. Hope to see you there!

