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Regenerative Agriculture 101: Everything You Need to Know

OCA helped found Regeneration International (RI) in 2014, along with Mercola.com, Navdanya, Dr. Bronner's, the Rodale Institute, and other organic leaders. RI has since become the largest global network of Organic and Regenerative producers and organizations in the world, with over 450 affiliates in over 60 nations.

Cristen Hemingway Jaynes summarizes the basics of Regenerative Agriculture in EcoWatch:

In regenerative agriculture, the physical, biological and chemical integrity of the soil is preserved through minimal disturbance.

Regenerative farming helps build healthy soil and increases plant diversity.

Healthy soils maintained through regenerative farming trap water and nutrients and maximize the efficiency of water use.

Regenerative agriculture improves water quality and helps to restore and protect rivers, lakes and streams.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3ZlulvJ>

Gene-Edited Frankenfoods: More of the Same

Colin Todhunter reports:

"In 2017, the then Monsanto Chief Technology Officer Robb Fraley argued that his company made a mistake in not reaching out to the public about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) when they first appeared on the market in the 1990s.

He felt consumers had been unduly swayed by an anti-GMO movement and the industry got its PR campaign wrong first time around.

However, there is sufficient research indicating that the technology is error prone, the effects of editing are not controllable and there is no simple pathway between gene and trait. Gene editing has unexpected outcomes and risks, and unintended mutations and off-target effects occur.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3ZkiePu>

Mexico Will Buy Non-GMO Corn from U.S. Farmers as it Bans GMOs & Glyphosate

OCA's Via Organica and Milliones Contra Monsanto (Millions Against Monsanto) sister organizations in Mexico have campaigned for years, as part of a large anti-GMO and organic Movement, to ban GMOs and glyphosate. After years of litigation, protests, and campaigning the MORENA (Movement for the National Regeneration of Mexico) ruling party in Mexico has banned GMO corn and soy and announced it is moving to stop the importation of GMO corn from the U.S. and ban the use of Monsanto/Bayer's glyphosate.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3Xbn7bX>

Regenerative Organic Certification Gains Traction

Araiana Pfoutz writes in Organic & Non-GMO Report:

The ROA launched Regenerative Organic Certification (ROC) to build on existing organic rules and set a "high bar" standard for agricultural practices. The label has three pillars: soil health, animal welfare, and social fairness. With food experts worried about a weakening of the organic standard the regenerative organic standard solidifies organic while going further—to lessen greenhouse gas emissions, regenerate soil, halt animal abuse, and empower farmers with stable living wages and fair policies. Industrial agriculture and factory farming are top contributors to climate change and environmental degradation, Whitlow says. In turn, climate change is making it harder to farm.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3ZbcDLz>

Newly Disclosed Emails: Scientists Covered Up COVID-19 Origin

Ian Birrell reports in UK's Daily Mail:

"The top British scientist who played a central role in crushing suggestions that COVID could have originated in a laboratory privately condemned 'Wild West' research being carried out in Wuhan, the Chinese city that saw the world's first outbreak of the virus.

Sir Jeremy Farrar's damning indictment, sent to two leading scientists in the United States [in Feb. 2020], shows that the head of the Wellcome Trust admitted to fears the new virus emerging in China might have been tied to research even as he coordinated an influential paper dismissing 'any type of laboratory-based scenario.'

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3VO3gOR>

OCA & RI at the Climate Summit COP27 in Sharm Al-Sheik, Egypt

Representatives from OCA and Regeneration International attended the COP27 Global Climate Summit in Sharm Al-Sheikh, Egypt in November. The Summit ended with an agreement for a "Loss and Damage" fund without any implementation plans or consensus to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In other words, there was very little progress in terms of solid recommendations for climate action and achieving net-zero emissions urged by the UNFCCC to avoid the catastrophic tipping points of a +1.5C warmer planet.

In Egypt, OCA and RI joined forces with friends and partners such as AFSA, IPES-Food, IFOAM Organics International, SEKEM, ONAMIAP and the "4 per 1000" Initiative to discuss concrete examples of how agroecology, regenerative agriculture and indigenous agrobiodiversity (preserving traditional seeds) can reverse global warming and revitalize communities.

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