

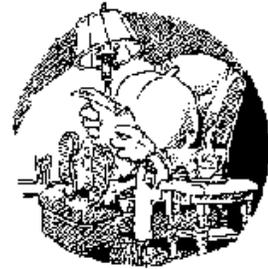


The Garbanzo Gazette

August 4, 2011



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



GROWERS MARKET NEWS

Help Wanted

Tuesday Evening Orientation – Contact Taylor @ 541-683-8250
Thursday Closer – Contact Nathan @ 541-852-0627 General:
Cashiers – Contact Coordinator on duty

Meetings

Board meeting, Wed., August 10th, at 6:00 pm. If we are not upstairs, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.

Website: <http://GrowersMarket.net>

NEW FRIDAY HOURS!

We are now open Fridays 10am-6:30pm. Thank you for being Growers!

NEVER FORGET there are large bags in the blue recycling bin near the children's area which can be very useful for home recycling. You recycle, don't you?

CASHIER NEEDED, ALTERNATE FRIDAYS 10am-12pm

We are in need of a Friday morning Cashier, 10am-12pm, every other week. Please see Nicolette for details from 10am-1pm Fridays at Growers Market if you are interested. Interested person(s) will need to go through a Cashier Training process with Taylor on a Tuesday evening (preferably). This position will receive Strawboss compensation. Peas!

DRY GOODS NOTES

sorry for no news the last couple weeks, i was hoping some situations would get better. so i'll start with good news, the weather is very nice right now.

the not so good news...noris dairy is not taking orders right now. their pasturizer broke down and is beyond repair. they are installing new equipment which will take a little while. the bright side is they say the new pasturizer will extend the shelf life of their milk, etc. so we may be

able to carry a small inventory of milk, etc. once they are up and running.

united has dropped more of their bulk items. small flake nutritional yeast is no longer available, the only option is to get it in 5 pound plastic buckets, more expensive and bar coded. so for now i'm not going to order it. i'll ask azure standard if they could and it to their offerings. united is dropping a number of the vegetable pastas ('four color'). we can get some of them from azure, however we order once a month so supplies may run low. the fine and coarse solar sea salt have been dropped so we will go to other sea salts, we still have celtic, himalayan and real salt so we should be ok on that. i suspect they will be dropping more bulk goods, sigh.

hummingbird is out of the following: medjool and halawi dates, turkish apricots, local pumpkin seed, raw pistachio kernels, no bar code rice and flour. some of these are short term, others are until next harvest. if you'd like to read their newsletter go to www.hummingbirdwholesale.com. lots of good information, they are doing a lot to promote locally grown food so check it out. good news is goji berries and walnuts are back, enjoy!

we are getting more of stahlbush farms sustainable frozen fruit in 5 pounds bulk bags. when royal blue frozen blueberries are back we will get them. we get stahlbush from earthly gourmet and earthly is expanding their offerings so we will be getting more from this small portland outfit, their focus is locally done foods and they carry other things no one else does, like our bulk miso, which comes from north carolina.

both hummingbird and azure are updating their inventory systems so out of stocks should be less of an issue. in azure's case this is a huge improvement as they will soon be able to tell me if something is out of stock. many of their items are also carried by united although usually at a higher price.

i'll keep you posted on the out of stocks and other issues as i get the news. next week i hope to tell you about a couple of dedicated strawbosses who are taking on new jobs here at growers (and what a huge help their work is!!!!!!). take care, enjoy the weather, treat each other well and smile! some of the news out there--way out there--is

Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that week.

not too good so don't lose sight of how terrific our community can be! Sue

MORE REASONS TO EAT ORGANIC FOOD

The newsletter of the Organic Consumers Association contains a good summary of why people should eat organic food: "Study after study has shown that yields from small, low-energy input, organic farms in the developing world are many times more productive than chemical and GMO farms. In the industrialized world, yields on organic farms are comparable to industrial farms in 'normal' weather, but produce substantially more in times of drought or intense downpours, which seem to have become the norm. And of course research continues to reinforce the fact that organic foods are safer, more nutritious, better for the environment, and better for restoring the all-important carbon-sequestering capacity of farmland and pasture land." Website: <http://organicconsumers.org>. --Milton Takei

FOR RENT:

Attention Gardeners and Artists! Cozy 2 bedroom house with artists studio, includes W&D hookups & storage room. No smoking on property. No pets. Shared yard, greenhouse, gardens, chickens, shared chores. Electric heat, high speed internet, Whiteaker neighborhood. \$795.00./ Mo. + utilities. Move in costs include 1st + last + deposits. Beekeeping experience a plus. Available mid August. (541) 683-0626. www.arttrekinc.com/possumplace

TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Oregon Fair Trade Campaign is seeking farmers and food organizations who would be willing to sign on to the following letter:

Dear Senator/Representative: The global food commodity system is already stacked against family farmers, and the pending Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia would only serve to make matters even worse. The Korea Free Trade Agreement is by far the largest of the three proposed deals, and will have the greatest negative impact on the U.S. economy. The U.S. International Trade Commission, a federal agency with a long track-record of overestimating the benefits of proposed trade deals, predicts that the Korea Free Trade Agreement would increase the overall U.S. trade deficit. Important U.S. crops, such as wheat, soy and corn would lose out under the deal. Moreover, the U.S. Treasury Department has formally listed South Korea as a currency manipulator, yet inexplicitly, the Korea Free Trade Agreement fails to contain any safeguard mechanisms against future currency manipulation. A devaluation of the won could easily displace any benefits to U.S. exporters

resulting from tariff reductions.

All three of the proposed agreements' provisions would restrict the United States' ability to prevent the import of food that fails to meet U.S. safety standards. This would put unfair competitive pressures on U.S. farmers, while also endangering U.S. consumers.

To make matters worse, each trade pact's investment provisions would allow foreign governments and individual corporations to challenge future food safety, environmental and consumer protection policies as "barriers to trade" through international tribunals that circumvent the U.S. judicial system. The provisions could also undo actions that communities have taken toward food security.

The proposed trade deals with Colombia and Panama would completely devastate family farms and their communities in those two countries.

Our country can no longer afford policies that fail to respect communities' food sovereignty, that threaten public health, and that force farmers off their land, whether here or abroad. Please vote against the Korea, Panama and Colombia Free Trade Agreements. Please pass comprehensive trade reform (the TRADE Act, HR 3012 and S. 2821 in the 2010 Congress) first before moving forward with any more trade agreements.

Contact: Samantha Chirillo, 541-543-1253, samantha@oregonfairtrade.org

Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at Growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. growers@lists.opn.org To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 541-687-1145

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