

Montana Organic Commodity Advisory Council (MOCAC) meeting

When: **Friday, March 4, 2011**

Where: Montana Department of Livestock **Conference Room #319**, Helena, Montana

MOCAC MEMBERS:

1. Ron de Yong
2. Roy Benjamin
3. John Walkup
4. Kathee Dunham
5. Kristina Hubbard
6. Matt Johnson
7. Greg Thayer
8. *Sharon Lindquist (not present)*

DEPARTMENT STAFF:

1. Doug Crabtree
2. Ann Bay
3. Andy Gray
4. Greg Ames

GUEST:

Jacob Cowgill

Agenda:

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| 8:00 | Welcome and Introductions: | Ron de Yong |
| 8:15 | Review and approval of November 11 and 16, 2009 <i>and</i> April 1, 2010 minutes. | |
| 8:30 | The Food Safety Modernization Act, impacts on organic producers and handlers | Jacob Cowgill |
| 9:00 | Function of the Council- statute and rule <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2-15-122...▪ Open Meetings Law / Public Participation▪ Legislative Action During Sessions▪ Ethics, Confidentiality, other legal matters... | Cort Jenson |
| 9:30 | History and development of the Certification Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Law▪ Administrative Rules▪ Annual Program Review | Doug Crabtree |
| 10:15 | Break | |
| 10:30 | Organization of Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Procedures for Minutes▪ Chairperson / Officers▪ Procedures / Processes▪ Schedule / Location of Meetings▪ Communications▪ Other organizational issues | Ron de Yong |
| 11:00 | Housekeeping Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Travel reimbursements▪ Declaration of Interests | Ann Bay |
| 11:15 | <i>lunch: Benny's Bistro, a meal featuring MT-produced organic foods</i> | |
| 1:00 | Program Update- Presentation, questions, discussion- <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Certifications | Doug Crabtree |

- New Staff and Contractors
- Forms
- Rule Changes (State & Federal)
- Response to (2010) Program Review

1:45	Program Budget, Revenues and Expenses	Andy Gray
2:30	Legislative Update	Ron de Yong
3:00	Plan program review-	Group Discussion
3:15	Break	
3:30	Organize program review committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On-Site Review ▪ Report (submit to Council) ▪ Approval (submit to department) ▪ Response / Corrective Actions 	Ron de Yong
4:00	Discussion of Organic / Program Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost Share ▪ Timeliness ▪ Residue Testing ▪ Livestock / Pasture Rule ▪ Exports to Canada ▪ Assessment of Non-Organic Sales 	Group Discussion
4:45	Public Comments	
5:00	Adjourn	