

ENVIROPIGS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION?

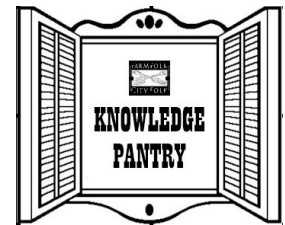
Genetically engineered pigs are one step closer to becoming meat on Canadian kitchen tables with the federal government poised to declare that they do not harm the environment. To read about these enviropigs or the latest on clearing regulations, visit the links below:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/enviropig/technology.shtml>

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Enviropigs+clear+federal+regulatory+hurdle/2589721/story.html>

FARMFOLK/CITYFOLK'S KNOWLEDGE PANTRY IS RE-STOCKED!

Thanks to a grant from the Metro Vancouver Agriculture Advisory Committee, FarmFolk/CityFolk was able to take some time this past year and re-stock their infamous Knowledge Pantry. Visit their website and open the cupboard, we think you'll find what you're hungry for. <http://www.farmfolkcityfolk.ca>

**CRESTON BC SETS THE PACE FOR TESTING WINTER SALAD HARVESTING**

Can we in northern places feed ourselves year-round from our own gardens and unheated greenhouses? Can "real food" lovers north of the 49th parallel still enjoy fresh fare on the dark side of the calendar? How about on a commercial basis? That's exactly what a group of Creston gardeners, greenhouse operators and local food enthusiasts are finding out with their winter harvest experiment.

<http://www.crestonvalleyadvance.ca/article/20100204/CRESTON0304/302049993/0/CRESTON03>

MONSANTO PRODUCTS NOT SO SAFE AFTER ALL?

Jan 20/10: Real food advocates have been saying for years that GM foods are untested and the biotech industry has been saying they are perfectly safe. Now a recent study analyzing the effects of genetically modified (GM) foods on mammalian health found that corn produced by the multinational corporation Monsanto is linked to organ damage in rats.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/01/study-links-gm-corn-to-organ-damage/>

In October, France's highest court has ruled that US agrochemical giant Monsanto had not told the truth about the safety of its best-selling weed-killer, Roundup.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8308903.stm>

RAW MILK DEBATE



On January 21, Ontario dairy farmer Michael Schmidt won his 16-year legal battle for the right to share raw milk products, and in the process won a ruling that food freedom advocates hope will help expand the ability of Canadians to eat what they want without government interference. CTV News has completed a 5-part series about raw milk and questions why Canada is the only G8 country where raw milk is outlawed.

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20100118/bc_raw_dairy_court_100120?s_name=&no_ads=

PROTECTING BC FARMLAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



In 2009 the United Nations declared a global food security crisis is upon us. Although the food security crisis has not reached BC's marketplace yet, we are vulnerable. Less than 5% of this province's land base is suitable for agriculture. While we in BC have an incredible piece of legislation called the Agricultural Land Reserve, since the 2003 restructuring of the Agricultural Land Commission, one has to wonder if their mission to "preserve agricultural land and encourage and enable farm businesses throughout British Columbia" is being carried out. Last year, the Farmland Defence League of BC was resurrected. Visit their website to learn more about the issue and their work:

<http://farmlanddefenceleague.org/>

GARDENING ON A SHOE STRING BUDGET... OOPS, WE MEAN IN A HANGING SHOE BAG



These days, more and more people are interested in growing their own food. We know our backyard or community garden plots won't entirely feed us – but we want to garden nonetheless. We often hear people who live in apartments (balcony or no balcony) say they don't have room to grow anything. Well, a quick Internet search and there's a whole array of information about growing food on balconies and even indoors:

<http://www.easybalconygardening.com/>

<http://shine.yahoo.com/channel/food/plant-an-indoor-vegetable-garden-eat-healthy-year-round-577128/>

<http://www.windowfarms.org/>

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