



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 IDAHO ORGANIC WEEK

WHEREAS, organic farms in Idaho are increasing in size and popularity, with 232 organic farms now operating throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, organic agriculture contributes over \$71.2 million annually to Idaho's economy; and

WHEREAS, organic agriculture stimulates the local economy by supporting local businesses and reinvesting money back into the community; and

WHEREAS, consumer trends show great interest in eating organically and supporting local producers; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers cultivate a wide variety of quality organic products including fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and wine as well as non-food products such as flowers and hay; and

WHEREAS, Idaho ranks in the top 10 in the nation for the production of many organic products; and

WHEREAS, consumers can find Idaho organic products at their local farmers market, as well as some grocery stores and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho supports the development and operation of organic agriculture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of June 25-30, 2012 to be

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and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the many benefits of Organic Week in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE