



DFTA August Newsletter

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DFTA Annual Meeting 2014

*Revitalizing Our Communities
Through Domestic Fair Trade*

December 8th-10th, 2014

New Orleans, LA

Hosted by the New Orleans Food Co-op

DFTA Board Transitions

The DFTA board would like to express its deep gratitude to two of its long time board members transitioning out of their positions this month.

Marla Carlson (farmer sector representative) and Kristen Woodhouse (processor sector representative) contributed countless hours to the vision and mission of the DFTA. Their dedication to the organization was greatly felt throughout the membership and we wish them the utmost luck in future endeavors with the assurance that they always have a home in our movement.

At this time we are holding an electronic vote in both the **farmer** and **processor** stakeholder groups for their new representatives on the board. We look forward to announcing the results soon.

In light of recent transitions we are pleased to announce that DFTA Board Member, Willow Coberly, has stepped up as our new board chair. Willow is the founder of Greenwillow Grains, an organic grain mill specializing in stone-ground flours and rolled oats located in Brownsville, OR.

Check out this recent article in the Corvallis Gazette about Greenwillow Grains and their dedication to healthy soil and healthy communities. [Health of Local Foods Starts in the Soil.](#)

New Members



The DFTA is proud to introduce our newest members.

- New Orleans Food Co-op
- Brooklyn Food Coalition
- Upstream Natives
- Greenwillow Grains

[Check out their profiles on our website](#)

Member Dues



Have you paid your DFTA 2014 dues yet? If not, please send checks to:

Domestic Fair Trade Association

220 2nd Ave South Unit #61
Seattle, WA 98104

Questions? Contact Colette Cosner, colette@thedfta.org

Domestic Fair Trade in the News!

- First Domestic Fair For Life Project in North America, *Citadelle Obtains fair trade certification thanks to the continued commitment and cooperation of its members.* [READ THE PRESS RELEASE](#)
- First Food Justice Certified Food Stores in New York, *GreenStar Natural Food Co-op and The Piggery Butcher join the growing roster of domestic fair trade certified farms and businesses.* [READ THE PRESS RELEASE](#)
- [Confusion on Aisle Four: Making Sense of Fair Trade Food Labeling.](#) Check out this article about our evaluation program in the *Seattle Globalist*.



Member Forums



If your organization is a member of the DFTA, don't forget to check out the new members-only portion of our website "[The Forums.](#)"

- Access the DFTA Membership Directory
- Submit Action Alerts and Campaigns through the Advocacy Center
- Submit events to the DFTA Calendar
- Access the DFTA by-laws and policy statements
- Download the DFTA logo for your website

Help Protect Farmworkers From Exposure to Pesticides

Every year tens of thousands of farmworkers and their children are injured by exposure to pesticides.

According to a US government study, the pesticide poisoning incidence rate among US

agricultural workers is 39 times higher than the incidence rate found in all other industries combined.



The Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard, the law that establishes basic protections, hasn't been updated in more than 20 years. The result is thousands of preventable exposures, illnesses, and injuries for farmworkers and their families.

The proposed rules are open for public comment until August 18th. The time is now to stand up and demand stronger protections for farmworkers.

Not sure what to say or how to submit comments? We've got you covered. Check out the sample comments, FAQs, and

and organizational materials

- Participate in membership wide discussions about hot topics in domestic fair trade

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policy briefs in the action alert on [our blog](#).

Americas Most Wanted Labels

We are excited to take part in "Americas Most Wanted Labels," a full day event organized by Consumer Reports exploring food labels and the underlying practices that make for a truly meaningful marketplace.

DFTA Executive Director, Colette Cosner, will moderate a panel on **Farmworkers and Fair Conditions** with Marty Mesh ([Florida Organic Growers](#)), Jim Cochran ([Swanton Berry Farm](#)) and Dolores Huerta (labor leader, civil rights activist, and co-founder of the *National Farmworker Association*, now *United Farm Workers*.)

Other panel topics include **Raising Animals with True Welfare, Sustainable Food Production, and Americas Most Wanted Labels: Creating True and Meaningful Demand.**

This special event will take place on Friday, September 19th at San Francisco's City Hall, 9:30am- 4pm. Free and open to the public.

[Click here to learn more about this event and RSVP.](#)

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