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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Organic Blend 5-0-0 Now OMRI listed

We have received notification that OMRI has reviewed SoilBiotics Organic Blend 5-0-0 (sib-8236) and has determined that it is Allowed for use in compliance with the USDA National Organic Program. This product will appear in the OMRI Products List© and website at: <http://www.omri.org/mfg/sib/products/sib-8236-cert.pdf>

## Back To School, Safely

In our June newsletter, we noted that a great program called Farm Safety For Just Kids (FS4JK), is now part of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, and we reprinted some of their recommendations for on-farm safety during the summer. Now that kids are heading back to school, we reprint some of the FS4JK suggestions for teenage drivers, some of whom may be driving to school for the first time. According to FS4JK, death from an accident is 2.5 times more likely to occur in rural areas than urban ones. These new drivers will experience run-ins with large, slow-moving machinery; loose gravel and soft shoulders; and wildlife such as deer crossing roadways.

- Always wear seat belts and insist that passengers do, as well.
- Drive cautiously and within the speed limit.
- Be patient when driving behind a large or slow-moving vehicle; be aware you may not be able to see oncoming traffic.
- Pass only when the road is clear.
- Ride with your children and continue to teach them even after they have a driver's license.
- Never let people ride in the bed of a pickup.

## Helping the Future of Ag (Part 2)

If your sons or daughters are looking at studying for a career in agriculture or an ag-related field, scholarships are out there, but it may be difficult to find them. And, many require application far in advance. Most state farm bureaus and agricultural associations are great sources of information on available scholarships. For example, in the state of Illinois a site supported by the Illinois State Board of Education has a list of scholarships at <http://www.agriculturaleducation.org/Agricultural-Careers/Scholarships>. Although this site is designed for ag educators, the scholarship tab is chock full of opportunities, some restricted to Illinois residents and others open to anyone. So, check out the websites of some of your own states agricultural agencies and make sure your future ag leader is aware of the possibilities.

## Reminder About the 2017 Tonnage Rebate Program

As we get closer to harvesting the 2017 crop and prepping fields for 2018, please remember the new 2017 Tonnage Rebate Program as you plan your orders. This rebate will apply on any one product of the following: **Organic 2r - Soil Boost**, or **Organic Plant Boost**:

- must be full pallets of 50# bagged material or bulk bags
- rebate qualification levels of 200, 300, 400 and 500 tons of single product

Total tonnage must be ordered, shipped and paid for within calendar year. Please contact the SoilBiotics office for details.

## Keep On Trucking?

Please be aware that our logistics firms are warning us of a shortage in trucks in the west, so delivery times may be extended. This is expected to last through Labor Day.

## Operator, Operator?

**And remember to update our phone number to: 815-929-1752. Our old number of 815-365-2353 will be disconnected in the near future.**

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