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**MAKING LESS WORK OF PAPERWORK FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION**

*“Record Keeping for Organic Growers”*

OTTAWA—Canadian Organic Growers (COG) launches another handbook in its Practical Skills series of technical manuals for organic agriculture, *Record Keeping for Organic Growers*. The book and the series continue COG’s commitment and success in educating organic and transitioning growers.

“Making less work of paperwork” is the subtitle, and COG’s aim with this book is to help farmers reduce their time and anxiety around the record keeping required for organic certification. Most farmers already save information about their inputs, products and methods, so this handbook builds from that foundation to enable farmers to create and manage their annual organic plan and ongoing operational records.

Authors Kristine Swaren and Rowena Hopkins draw from their own growing, inspecting and managing experience to provide hands-on advice, templates, and loads of examples. Farmers from across the country, representing all scales and types of operations, were interviewed for their favourite time-saving paperwork tips.

*Record Keeping for Organic Growers* will be useful for both new and seasoned growers who are considering or maintaining organic certification.

The Practical Skills series and other handbooks are available from Canadian Organic Growers on the web at [www.cog.ca](http://www.cog.ca) or by phone at 1-888-375-7383 (Canada) or 1-613-216-0741.

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Canadian Organic Growers (COG) is a national charitable organization with members across the country. Since 1975, COG has provided a focal point for advocacy and education for organic agriculture in Canada. COG’s publications on organic growing are used worldwide as on-farm reference books.

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