2020 Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting
Agenda

Join us for Indiana’s only organic grain-focused education and networking conference!

Wednesday and Thursday, February 19-20, 2020
Beck Agricultural Center, 4550 U.S. 52 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Day 1 – Transition to Organic Grain Production Workshop
Wednesday, February 19 (all times Eastern)

9:00 am Registration

9:30 Welcome, Opening remarks

Introduction to Organic Grain Production
Michael O’Donnell, Purdue Extension

10:00 Farmer Panel – Introduction to panelists’ farms
Jason Federer, Living Prairie Family Farms
Will Glazik, Cow Creek Farm
Dale Longwell, Longwell Farms
Megan Wallendal, Wallendal Farms
Moderator – Michael O’Donnell, Purdue Extension

11:00 Break

11:10 Certification to the National Organic Program (NOP)
Michael O’Donnell, Purdue Extension
Mark Seeley, OnMark Certification Services

12:10 pm Lunch

1:00 Farmer Panel – Certification experience

1:30 Organic Crop Budgets and Financials of Transition
Michael Langemeier, Purdue University

2:15 Break

2:30 Organic Grain Marketing and Price Trends
Jessie Bovay, Mercaris
3:10  **Insuring Organic Crops**  
Rhonda Monroe, Crop Insurance Processing, Inc.

3:30  **Basic Tools and Transition Strategies in Organic Grain Production**  
Michael O’Donnell, Purdue Extension

4:15  Break

4:25  **Farmer Panel – Transition, Marketing, and Financials Q&A**

5:10  **Closing remarks (title TBD)**  
Klaas Martens, Lakeview Organic Farm

6:00-7:30  **Evening reception** in lobby with light fare and cash bar.

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**Day 2 – Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting**  
Thursday, February 20 (all times Eastern)

8:00 am  Registration, Light Breakfast, Visit with exhibitors

8:30  Welcome, Opening remarks

8:45  Morning Keynote  
**Intentional Biodiversity and Whole-Farm Systems Thinking as Keys to Successful, Resilient Organic Farming**  
Klaas Martens, Lakeview Organic Farm

9:45  Break – Visit with Exhibitors

10:15  Breakout Session A:  
**Organic Commodities Market Update**  
Ryan Koory, Mercaris

Breakout Session B:  
**Managing Large-Scale, Organic Transition and Parallel Production Systems**  
Megan Wallendal, Wallendal Farms

11:15  General Session  
**Managing Crop Pests and Diseases Through Practices Not Products**  
Klaas Martens, Lakeview Organic Farm, New York

12:15 pm  Lunch  
Visit with exhibitors
1:30    Breakout Session C:  
**Organic No-Till Research Update**  
(1:30-2:25)  
Erin Silva, UW-Madison  

**Organic No-Till Farmer Panel**  
(2:30-3:25)  
Dan DeSutter, DeSutter Farms  
Jason Federer, Living Prairie Family Farms  
Will Glazik, Cow Creek Farm  
Erin Silva, UW-Madison  
Moderator: Michael O'Donnell, Purdue Extension

Breakout Session D:  
**Assessing N release from cover crops and manure to inform N management**  
(1:30-2:25)  
Dr. Shalamar Armstrong, Purdue University  

**Growing High-Yield Organic Corn**  
(2:30-3:25)  
Darren Fehr, ScatterSeed Farm

3:30    Exhibitor break

4:00    Afternoon General Session  
**Characteristics of Success in Organics**  
Darren Fehr, Scatter Seed Farm  
Klaas Martens, Lakeview Organic Farm  
Megan Wallendal, Wallendal Farms  
Andy Ambriole, Bio-Steward Farms  
Moderator: Michael O'Donnell, Purdue Extension

5:00 -5:30 Closing comments  
Network and visit with exhibitors

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Questions? Contact Michael O'Donnell at 765-284-8414 or modonnel@purdue.edu.

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