2020 Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting
Agenda

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

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

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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
Ryan Koory, Mercaris
Insuring Organic Crops
Speaker TBA

Basic Tools and Transition Strategies in Organic Grain Production
Michael O’Donnell, Purdue Extension
Will Glazik, Cow Creek Farm

Break

Farmer Panel – Transition, Production, and Marketing Q&A

Closing remarks - title TBD
Klaas Martens, Lakeview Organic Farm

Evening reception in lobby with light fare and cash bar.

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

Registration, Light Breakfast, Visit with exhibitors

Welcome, Opening remarks

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

Break – Visit with Exhibitors

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

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

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)  
Farmers TBA

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  
**TBA**

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

Register today!  [purdue.ag/organicgrain2020](purdue.ag/organicgrain2020)  
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