

2020 Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting **Agenda**

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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**
 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.

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

Register today! purdue.ag/organicgrain2020
Questions? Contact Michael O'Donnell at 765-284-8414 or modonnel@purdue.edu.