



GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

Thursday, February 6, 2020
Oakwood Road Community Center, Ames

AGENDA

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| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome and Introductions
All attendees |
| 9:15-10:15 | What is “Organic”?
Kristine Lang, Rodale Institute/Midwest Organic Center
<i>(history of National Organic Program, basic steps to certification, benefits and challenges of organic, trends, and resources)</i> |
| 10:15-10:30 | BREAK |
| 10:30-11:45 | Organic Regulations and Production Overview
Maury Wills, IDALS Bureau Chief
<i>(organic regulations and production considerations for crop production including nutrient management, pest/weed management, rotations, buffers, land transition, and natural resources/biodiversity)</i> |
| 11:45-12:00 | Organic Resources in Iowa
Roz Lehman, Iowa Organic Association |
| 12:00-12:45 | BREAK FOR LUNCH |
| 12:45-1:45 | Organic Seed Production and Systems Overview
Matt Leavitt, Albert Lea Seed House |
| 1:45-2:00 | BREAK |
| 2:00-4:00 | Organic Producer Panel
<i>(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&A)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aaron Lehman, Polk City- Craig Fleishman, Minburn- Scott Ausborn, Ida Grove |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |