



# GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

**Via Zoom (focus on Hazleton, Buchanan, Clayton and surrounding counties)**

## **AGENDA**

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| 12:00-12:15 | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Olga Reding, IOA Organic Field Coordinator<br>Roz Lehman, IOA Executive Director                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:15-12:45 | <b>USDA Organic History and Background</b><br>Olga Reding, IOA Organic Field Coordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:45-1:15  | <b>Organic Regulations and Certification Overview</b><br>Matt Miller, IDALS Organic Certifier<br><i>(organic regulations and production considerations for crop production including nutrient management, pest/weed management, rotations, buffers, land transition, and natural resources/biodiversity)</i> |
| 1:15-1:30   | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1:30-2:00   | <b>Organic Agronomics from Mercaris</b><br>Megan Thomas, Mercaris Economist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:00-3:00   | <b>Organic Producer Panel</b><br><i>(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&amp;A)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Scott Wedemeier, Maynard</li><li>- Wayne Wangsness, Decorah</li></ul>                                           |
| 3:00        | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |