

Putting Crop Rotations to Work on Organic Farms

July 28, 2022 | 9a-4p CT
West Lafayette & Wolcott, IN

AGENDA

- 9:00am Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 9:10am Presentation - Soil Health in Organics & the NOP Regulations
Mallory Krieger, OATS
- 10:00am Break
- 10:10am Presentation - Strategies to Build a Strong Crop Rotation
Brian Carlson, organic farmer
- 11:00am Break
- 11:10am Panel Discussion - Farmer Perspectives on Building & Marketing Diverse Crop Rotations
Ashley Adair, Purdue Extension (moderator), Matt Gibson, Jenn Waylee, Brian Carlson, Michael O'Donnell
- 12:00pm Lunch catered by Juniper Spoon
- 12:45pm Load onto the bus for the farm tour
- 1:30pm Tour of Living Prairie Family Farms
Michael O'Donnell & Jason Federer
- 3:30pm Post-tour discussion
- 4:00pm Adjourn

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Farm Host

Living Prairie Family Farms

Living Prairie Family Farms is a 4,100 acre organic field crop farm based in Wolcott, Indiana that produces a wide variety of grain crops and oilseeds, including popcorn, soybean, various small grains, and sunflower. In 2014 we started farming our first organic farm, and in 2015 began the process of transitioning additional acres to certified organic production. In 2021, we had over 1,000 acres certified, which increased to about 4,000 acres in 2022. We have been working intentionally over the last 5+ years to diversify our cropping system for maximum soil health benefit, seeking diverse food-grade markets, and beginning to explore value-add enterprises to help grow the regional “grain chain” in northwest Indiana.

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