



GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

October 1, 2019

Northeast Iowa Community College 1625 HWY 150 South, Calmar
Wilder Business Center, Room 103

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
All attendees
- 9:15-10:15 **What is “Organic”?**
Ben Bowell, Oregon Tilth
(history of National Organic Program, basic steps to certification, benefits and challenges of organic, trends, and resources)
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-11:45 **Organic Regulations and Production Overview**
Ben Bowell
(organic regulations and production considerations for crop production including nutrient management, pest/weed management, rotations, buffers, land transition, and natural resources/biodiversity)
- 11:45-12:00 **Organic Resources in Iowa**
Wendy Johnson, Iowa Organic Association
- 12:00-1:00 BREAK FOR LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:45 **Organic Producer Panel**
Wendy Johnson, moderator
(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&A)
- 2:45-3:00 **BREAK**
- 3:00-4:00 **Organic Livestock**
Ben Bowell
(organic regulations and production practices including outdoor access, pasture, origin of livestock, and livestock healthcare)
- 4:00 **Adjourn**