

## **SARE Project Workshop**

### Biological Approaches to Sustainable Mint Production

**When:** February 21, 2019  
**Registration:** 09:00 am – 09:30 am CST  
**Workshop:** 09:30 am – 12:30 pm CST  
**Where:** The Farmhouse Restaurant & Conference Center  
 Fair Oaks Farms, 856 N 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN 47943



Peppermint is a high-value crop grown for both its desirable oil composition and high yield. However, this crop is highly susceptible to *Verticillium* wilt, a devastating disease caused by *Verticillium dahliae*. In response to growers needs, researchers, extension educators and growers together formalized a plan to develop research-based information on effective management and control strategies to limit the disease.

We would like to invite all Midwestern mint growers and other stakeholders to this inaugural Farmer Working Group and Advisory Committee meeting, hosted by the **Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue Extension, North Central SARE, and the Indiana Mint Market Development & Research Council**. The workshop aims to develop a clear path for the implementation of on-farm participatory research, the collection of producer economics data, and the establishment of a Farmer-to-Farmer network.

#### **Program**

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Introduction and Project Overview. <i>Petrus Langenhoven, Purdue University</i>
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Election of Advisory Committee. <i>Gary Overmyer, President, Indiana Mint Market Development &amp; Research Council</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Anaerobic Soil Disinfestation Research. <i>Lori Hoagland, Dan Egel &amp; Sahar Abdelrazek, Purdue University</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Producer Economics Survey. <i>Ariana Torres, Purdue University</i>
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Extension Activities & Farmer-to-Farmer Network. <i>Tamara Benjamin/Phil Woolery/Gene Matzat/Richard Kennedy, Purdue Extension</i>

#### **Objectives**

1. To establish an Advisory Committee that represents all stakeholders and meets regularly
2. To determine the on-farm participatory research components
3. To discuss the producer economics survey
4. To finalize a formalized timeline of the project
5. To create a peer network of mint growers across the region

**Active grower participation is encouraged.** Refreshments and lunch is served during the meeting.