



GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
All attendees
- 9:15-10:15 **What is “Organic”?**
Kristine Lang, Rodale Institute/Midwest Organic Center
(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 Certification Overview**
Kristine Lang, Rodale Institute/Midwest Organic Center
(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**
Roz Lehman, Iowa Organic Association
- 12:00-12:45 **BREAK FOR LUNCH**
- 12:45-1:45 **Organic Processing**
Beth Bennett, Professional Proteins
- 1:45-2:00 **BREAK**
- 2:00-4:00 **Organic Producer Panel**
(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&A)
- Kim Andersen, Brighton
- Kent Boyum, Fairfield
- Nelson Smith, Brighton
- Francis Thicke, Fairfield
- 4:00 **Adjourn**