



GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Via Zoom (focus on Kalona, Washington, Iowa and surrounding counties)

AGENDA

- 12:00-12:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
Olga Reding, IOA Organic Field Coordinator
Roz Lehman, IOA Executive Director
- 12:15-12:45 **USDA Organic History and Background**
Olga Reding, IOA Organic Field Coordinator
- 12:45-1:15 **Organic Regulations and Certification Overview**
Jamey Meyer, IDALS Organic Inspector
(organic regulations and production considerations for crop production including nutrient management, pest/weed management, rotations, buffers, land transition, and natural resources/biodiversity)
- 1:15-1:30 BREAK**
- 1:30-2:00 **Organic Agronomics from Mercaris**
Megan Thomas, Mercaris Economist
- 2:00-3:00 **Organic Producer Panel**
(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&A)
- Kim Andersen, Brighton
- Nelson Smith, Brighton
- 3:00 **Adjourn**