



# GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Via Zoom (focus on Hazleton, Buchanan, Clayton 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**  
Matt Miller, IDALS Organic Certifier  
*(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)*  
- Scott Wedemeier, Maynard  
- Wayne Wangsness, Decorah
- 3:00 **Adjourn**