

## **NE SARE PDP Grant Planning Team**

### **Meeting Agenda & Notes**

Remote Call in Information:

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Meeting ID: 184 244 981

Jim Pierce - Special Projects Manager

**12.2.16- 10:30 a.m.**

**Present: Andrew, Megan, Nicole, John, Mary**

#### **Review Invitation and Brochure details.**

- Set Location, exact times
  - Application deadline
  - Website Webpage
- Meeting logistics:
  - Hoping for 40 attendees; need space to accommodate meeting and lunch for group
  - Potential meeting locations (most people will not need hotel):
    - Farm Show building (Harrisburg)
    - Celebration Hall (State College check w Patti Niner)
    - Train station (PSCFO has had meetings there, Harrisburg)
    - PCO Office (Spring Mills)
  - 9:00 start time
- Register in advance of meeting, and are sent agronomy guide in advance
  - Participants are expected to have read the agronomy guide prior to meeting

#### **Workshop agenda/curriculum**

- Workshop Agenda
  - See Penn State Organic Crop Production Guide: Table of Contents
  - See Topics List from Save The Date and Announcement
- Proposed or placeholders for presenters
- Advice for CCU and CEU credits

#### **Workshop Planning**

- A solid plan for distributing invitations, announcements etc.
- Review Project Planning Spreadsheet

## Planning for the Dec. 14 Team Call

- Review Team Contacts
- Agenda topics/notes
  - Collect feedback and fine tune workshop agenda, presenters,

## Topics for March 15 Workshop:

- Start with an overview of organic concept and practices, do a couple case studies of typical rotations and practices, markets (Andrew Smyre, John Wallace, Ron Hoover)
- Then segue into ROSE research and advanced techniques, (Mary and her team)
- Results and lessons learned on reducing tillage in organic feed and forage cropping systems based on Penn State's ongoing research station and on-farm research
  - Equipment issues - planters, roller crimper, primary and secondary tillage/cultivation (Ron Hoover)
  - Weed Issues - managing cover crops and potential issues with planted and volunteer cover crops (Ron, John)
  - Insect Issues - Pests and beneficials (Mary)
  - Fertility management and soil quality/health (nutrient Management) (Charlie White)
  - On farm successes and challenges
  - Putting together a systems approach - recommendations on how to start based on lessons learned.
- Organic Certification requirements and policy update including current updates (PCO with Perdue)
- Organic transition program requirements (PCO)
- Organic technical assistance and resources (FAQs what questions are Service Providers most likely to be asked? Good place to present a list of resources: ATTRA SARE etc.) (PCO, Nicole- also create printed/electronic list for take-home)
- Discussion of program development for participant's clientele
  - This will generate a list of Outreach Opportunities
  - Be sure that evaluations are part of the process, consistent results, an electronic template.

## Action Items:

- Jim: send electronic save-the-date to NESARE to be added and sent to their listserve

- Jim: add PGO, PSU Extension, SARE logos to save-the-date and all future publications (possibly PASA as well)
- Jim: create physical save-the-date postcard for Leslie to utilize at WaGN conference on 12.6
- Jim: send printed physical save-the-date postcards to entire grant team ASAP
- Jim: add Logos to electronic version of save-the-date and resend to grant team
- Grant team: incorporate save-the-date postcards into event tables and disseminate to interested/potential workshop candidates

*Penn State*  
*Organic Crop*  
*Production Guide*

- 1 Introduction to Organic Farming and the National Organic Program Standards 1**  
*Charlie White, Mary Barbercheck, and Brian Bates*
- 2 Maintaining Organic Integrity 7**  
*Lee Rinehart*
- 3 Soil Physical Properties and Management 17**  
*Sjoerd Duiker*
- 4 Soil Health and Biological Properties 43**  
*Charlie White, Mary Barbercheck, and Sjoerd Duiker*
- 5 Soil Fertility 53**  
*Doug Beegle and Rick Stehouwer*
- 6 Cover Crops 105**  
*Sjoerd Duiker and Charlie White*
- 7 Weed Management 121**  
*William Curran, Dwight Lingenfelter, Matthew Ryan, David Sandy, Mark Dempsey, and Benjamin Crockett*
- 8 Insect Management 151**  
*Mary Barbercheck and John Tooker*
- 9 Disease Management 163**  
*Beth K. Gugino and Alyssa A. Collins*
- 10 Marketing Organic Crops 171**  
*John Berry*
- 11 Planning Crop Rotations 179**  
*Heather Karsten*
- 12 Grain Crops 187**  
*Greg Roth*
- 13 Forages 205**  
*Marvin Hall*
- 14 Organic Field Crop Budgets 231**  
*Jay Harper*