



Good afternoon, Friend --

Last chance to register for Mason City and Ames organic workshops - see details below.

Early registrations for the Midwest Organic Pork Conference ends **Wed, Feb 5** - see details below.

### **GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA -- FEBRUARY SERIES**



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EXPERTISE IN IOWA**

IOA is delivering our 2nd round of the "[Growing Organic Expertise in Iowa](#)" workshop series in February. This full-

day workshop (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) will provide information about the National Organic Program, organic certification and transition, organic standards and production practices and insight into current organic market trends and demands.

The target audience for the workshop includes: NRCS, Extension, IDALS, FSA, SWCD, RC&D, County Conservation, crop insurance agents, farm lenders, farming organizations, farmers, agriculture educators and students, and others interested in learning more about organic opportunities. Last October we reached 65 participants at four different workshops in Atlantic, Calmar, Cedar Rapids and Webster City.

- Tuesday, Feb 4 -- Mason City Public Library, Mason City – [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, Feb 6 -- Oakwood Road Community Center, Ames – [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, Feb 11 -- Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield – [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, Feb 18 -- Council Bluffs Public Library, Council Bluffs –

## AGENDA

For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.iowaorganic.org/calendar>.

**EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS WED, FEB 5**

**REGISTER FOR MIDWEST ORGANIC PORK CONFERENCE -- MARCH 13-14, HOTEL JULIEN, DUBUQUE**



Register for the **Second Annual Midwest Organic Pork Conference** in Dubuque, Iowa on March 13 and 14! **Early bird registration ends Feb 5** (\$80 for IOA members and \$95 for non-members).

We are building off of the tremendous success of the 2019 conference to bring you the best resources and information available to help expand

opportunities for organic and niche pork production and distribution.

We have a great line-up of speakers and industry experts covering everything from Biosecurity to Marketing and Breed Selection. Agenda will be posted soon! Our Exhibit Hall will feature industry vendors and partners sharing information on products and services!

Sponsor and exhibitor applications are now being accepted. For more information, visit [MidwestOrganicPorkConference.org](http://MidwestOrganicPorkConference.org) or call Kris at 515-276-6010.

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### **VIEW IOA'S CALENDAR for additional organic-related events and programs.**

- IOA Webinar: Growing Hemp in Iowa - Feb 12; 12 PM
- Growing Organic Expertise in Iowa - February 2020
- MOSES – Feb 27-29
- Midwest Organic Pork Conference - March 13-14
- Soil Health Academy Schools – March/June 2020