



# GROWING ORGANIC EXPERTISE IN IOWA

October 1, 2019

Northeast Iowa Community College 1625 HWY 150 South, Calmar  
Wilder Business Center, Room 103

## AGENDA

- 9:00-9:15      **Welcome and Introductions**  
All attendees
- 9:15-10:15    **What is “Organic”?**  
Ben Bowell, Oregon Tilth  
*(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 Production Overview**  
Ben Bowell  
*(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**  
Wendy Johnson, Iowa Organic Association
- 12:00-1:00    BREAK FOR LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:45      **Organic Producer Panel**  
Wendy Johnson, moderator  
*(producers describe their operation, why they farm organically, challenges, opportunities, and open Q&A)*
- 2:45-3:00      **BREAK**
- 3:00-4:00      **Organic Livestock**  
Ben Bowell  
*(organic regulations and production practices including outdoor access, pasture, origin of livestock, and livestock healthcare)*
- 4:00            **Adjourn**