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Good afternoon, Friend --

We are in the midst of reaching out to IOA friends and the organic community with our annual membership and donation appeal. Please consider a membership or a donation at any amount to help advance the organic movement in Iowa.

*To quote IOA Board Member and organic farmer, Paul Mugge: **“What could be better for our little communities, schools and churches if there are 10 of me on 300 acres (as opposed to) one guy farming 3000 acres?”***

Expanding organic provides a living wage for farmers, helps boost small, rural communities and economies, provides local, fresh, healthy food options, and promotes enhanced ecological services for our environment.

*Join IOA or donate [here](#). **Iowa needs more farmers like Paul Mugge...we need your support to grow the organic community!***

Thank you for championing organic in Iowa!

WONDERING ABOUT ORGANICS? VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS ON FEB 9 & 16



**GROWING ORGANIC
EXPERTISE IN IOWA**

The Iowa Organic Association and regional partners will deliver a series of virtual “Growing Organic Expertise in Iowa” workshops to

provide the information, tools and resources needed for agriculture service providers and consultants to support farmers interested in organic transition, diversification and production.

This three-hour virtual workshop will provide information from organic experts 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.

- [Tuesday, February 9 – 12-3pm - Hazleton](#)
- [Tuesday, February 16 – 12-3pm - Kalona](#)

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GROWING STRONGER – MOSES COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEB 22-27

We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces, as well as meeting new folks during the Growing Stronger 5-in-1 conference event! For only \$125 – you can access a TON of organic content at your convenience. Though we are all missing our in-person interactions and routines, it sure beats the drive, especially in inclement weather (for some, the 2019 storm hasn't yet been forgotten)!

If you are interested in attending and need assistance with the fee, please email olga@iowaorganic.org and we will see how we can help! You can find more information about the conference or register [here](#).



The [Growing Stronger Collaborative Conference on Organic & Sustainable Farming](#) is a virtual conference that's bringing together the organic and