

Welcome to the Ohio Organic Grains Conference

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Organic Grains Conference in Ohio

What's the purpose?

- To demonstrate the ***possibility*** of growing value-added, organic grain in the region
- To replicate what successful conferences have done, but in closer ***proximity***
- To ***share*** organic grain research with farmers and consultants
- To ***network*** with those who want to work in the organic grain industry

Thanks to Maddie Newcomb

Office Associate, OSU Extension-Fulton Co.

- Degree from OSU-CFAES in Wooster
- Started - Sept 12th
- Began work on Organic Grain Conference – Sept 13th
- Professional, thorough, polite, creative, competent



Characteristics of this farmer group:

Age and Farm Size

| | Responses | AVERAGE | Range |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Age | 85 | 47 | 15 to 75 |
| Farm Size, Organic Acres | 64 | 572 | 8 to 3,700 |
| Farm Size, Total Acres | 76 | 730 | 8 to 5,500 |

Characteristics of this farmer group:

Average Yields and Ranges

| | Responses | AVERAGE | Range |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| Corn, bu | 53 | 137 | 80 to 180 |
| Soybean (Feed), bu | 40 | 44 | 20 to 65 |
| Soybean (Food), bu | 29 | 40 | 28 to 50 |
| Wheat (SRW), bu | 48 | 58 | 30 to 90 |
| Sunflower, lbs | 16 | 1,806 | 800 to 2,500 |

— 4 Hurdles to Transition



Thursday, January 5, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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| 8:30 am | The Power of Soil Biology – <i>Danielle Kusner, CCA</i> |
| 9:15 am | 2-minute exhibitor flash talks: |
| 9:30 am | Integrating Steel & Ecology for Better Weed Mgmt – <i>Dr. Joel Gruver, Western Illinois</i> |
| 10:30 am | BREAK |
| 10:45 am | Grower Panel: Getting N to Your Organic Grains |
| 11:45 am | 2-minute exhibitor flash talks: |
| Noon | Lunch with Grower Roundtable (see insert) |
| 1:15 pm | Organic Transition Process (and paperwork) – <i>Julia Barton, OEFFA</i> |
| 2:00 pm | Importance of Crop Rotation – <i>Léa Vereecke, Rodale Institute</i> |
| 2:45 pm | BREAK |
| 3:00 pm | Grain Buyer Panel: Marketing Options for Organic Grains |
| 4:00 pm | A Review of the 2023 Organic Corn & Soybean Budgets – <i>Eric Richer, OSU</i> |
| 4:30 pm | Optional: Ohio Fertilizer Re-certification with manure focus – <i>Courtney Krieger, Eric Richer, OSU</i> |

Exhibitor Flash Talks

Dave Colvin, Lowe & Young

Matt Nidlinger, Consolidated Grain & Barge

Shane Meyer, Countryside Land Management

Grower Panel: Getting N to Your Organic Grains

Frank Becker, OSU Extension, Moderator

Jon Findlay

Levi Haselman

Scott Myers

Jason Schriver

Speaker notes posted at
www.go.osu.edu/organicgrains

Exhibitor Flash Talks

Dale Kumph, Apache Equipment

Ryan Schubert, Innovative Ag Management

Jon Findlay, Treffler

Joe Budreau, Spectrum Seed

Lunch Table Farmer- Panelists

See yellow handout with chart of farmers

Grain Buyer Panel

Lee Beers, OSU Extension, Moderator

Lauren Barhorst, Cargill

Mike Garland, Perdue Ag

Brad Johnson, Kalmbach Feeds