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Young Farmers Celebrated in Young Organic Stewards Program at the 23rd Annual MOSES Organic Farming Conference

What: Young Organic Stewards program, 23rd annual MOSES Organic Farming Conference
When: February 23 – 25, 2012
Where: La Crosse, Wisconsin

The Young Organic Stewards (YOS) program aims to connect, educate, inspire and empower young farmers to thrive in a sustainable, organic system of farming. Workshops and social activities for young organic stewards offered during the conference will provide educational and networking opportunities. Young Organic Stewards is for any young person (18+) who is interested or involved in organic and sustainable farming.

According to Young Organic Stewards Organizer, Lindsay Rebhan, this year's YOS workshops will address key issues young farmers face including access to capital, business planning, and building a supportive community. "YOS programming is targeted for young people who want to grow food and care for the earth," said Rebhan. "This conference is a unique opportunity to connect and share young farmer experiences." Three social events are planned for the YOS including an Open Mic Night, breakfast discussion and Movie Night. The Movie Night will be screening the much anticipated documentary "The Greenhorns" about young farmers in America, King Corn, Big River and episodes from Perennial Plate.

Conference scholarships are available and the deadline is January 4, 2012. Applications are available online at www.youngorganicstewards.org. Please contact the MOSES office if you would like a hard copy mailed to you, 715-778-5775 or email jessi@mosesorganic.org.

The Organic Farming Conference is organized by the Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) and is the largest organic farming conference in the U.S. Young Organic Stewards (YOS) is a program of MOSES and Renewing the Countryside. In 2011, the OFC attracted nearly 3,000 farmers and agriculture professionals. In 2012, this extraordinary, farmer-centered event will feature more than 65 informative workshops, ten day-long Organic University trainings, 160 + exhibitors, nationally known keynote speakers, locally sourced organic food and live entertainment. For more information or to register, go to the MOSES website, <http://mosesorganic.org/conference.html> or call 715-778-5775.

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