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**Nominations Sought for the MOSES 2010 "Organic Farmer of the Year" Award  
Deadline: September 15, 2009**

The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) is seeking nominations for the "2010 Organic Farmer of the Year" award which will be presented at the 21st annual MOSES Organic Farming Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin, February 25 - 27, 2010.

This noteworthy award is presented to organic farmers who have demonstrated innovations in organic farming and livestock management; excellence in enhancing and managing farm resources like soil, water, wildlife, and biodiversity; and who serve to educate and inspire farmers, consumers and others in their communities. Those who wish to nominate a farmer for the award must complete and return the nomination form, available by calling the MOSES office at 715-778-5775 or at [www.mosesorganic.org/foy.html](http://www.mosesorganic.org/foy.html) by the **deadline of September 15, 2009**.

The award includes a \$500 cash gift, free admission to the 2010 Organic Farming Conference, including all food and lodging, and a \$100 gift certificate redeemable at the conference book sales booth. Public recognition of exemplary organic farmers is an opportunity to celebrate their successes in organic food production.

The past award recipients have been innovative agriculturalists as well as mentors and teachers to other farmers. Tom and Irene Frantzen of Hampton, IA received the 2009 Organic Farmer of the Year Award. The Frantzens manage a diversified farm. They grow crops for animal feed on more than 300 tillable acres, and sell soybeans as a cash crop. All slaughter animals are certified organic.

Tom Frantzen has consistently been an innovator in organic hog production and marketing. He pioneered successful grazing strategies, practices pasture farrowing. Frantzen also uses hoop-houses with deep straw bedding and worked with animal ethics groups to set humane treatment protocol for hog production. The family started a certified organic feed business, Frantzen Farm Feeds LLC, in 2001. They now supply certified organic hog, poultry and dairy feeds to organic farmers in the Midwest.

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