



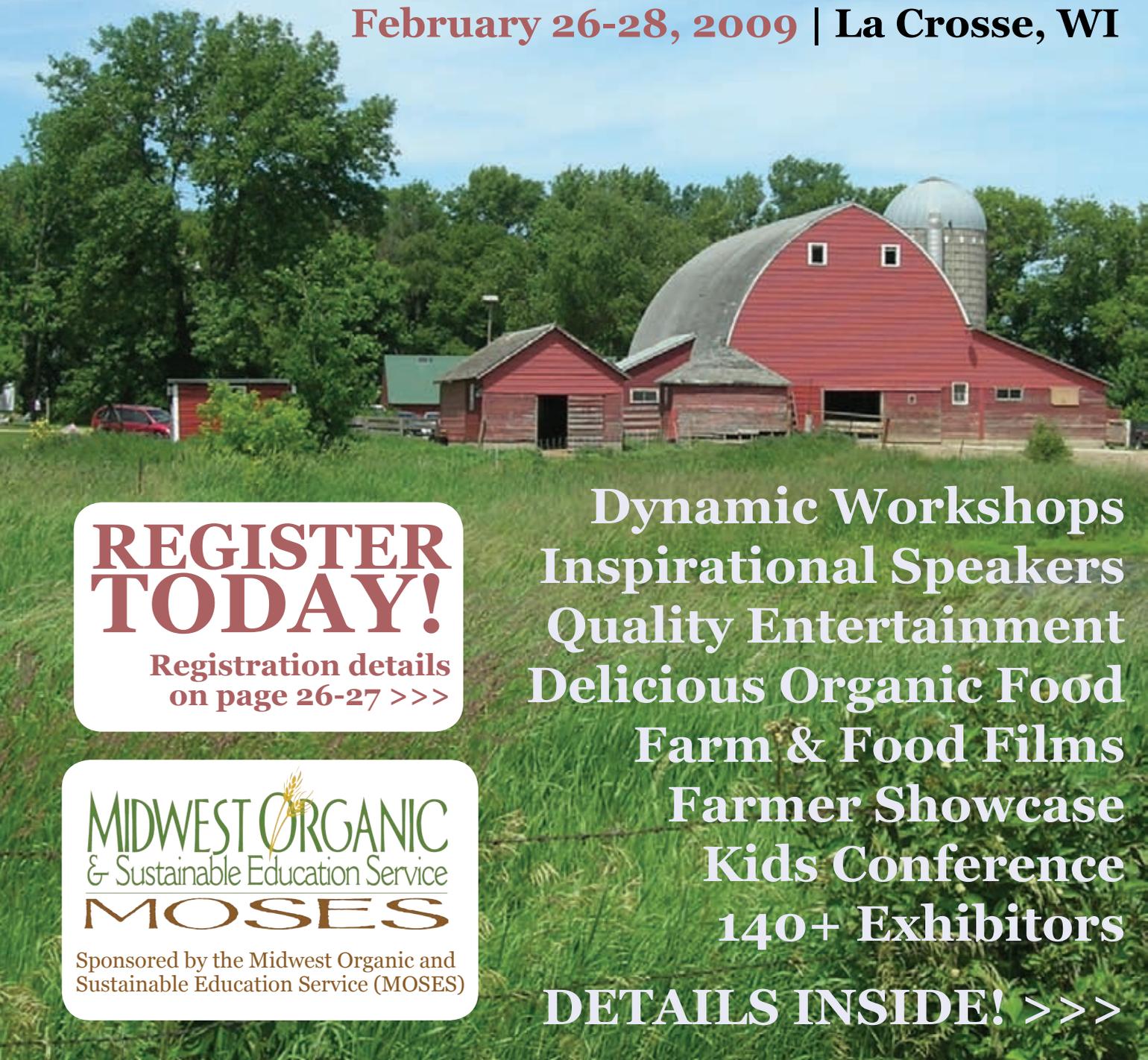
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It's hard to believe it's been 20 years since the first OFC! Thanks to your participation and support, the conference continues to deepen and grow. Every year we strive to reach new communities and cover new and exciting topics. This year will be no different. Along side incredible food and lively entertainment, the OFC offers a diverse selection of workshops that will grow your knowledge, as well as an Exhibit Hall packed with over 140 booths!

Join us as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary! Together we can ensure organic farming moves forward, enticing new generations to farm, new communities to eat well, and new innovations to develop.
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Organic Thursday | February 26 *University*

- 8:00am - 10:00am Continental Breakfast
8:30am - 10:00am Organic University Registration
10:00am - 5:30pm Organic University



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Thursday | February 26

- 5:00pm - 8:30pm OFC Registration Open
5:00pm - 7:00pm Exhibit Hall Open
5:30pm - 6:45pm Organic Supper
7:00pm - 8:30pm General Session - Welcome
Keynote Panel: 20th OFC
Celebrating 20 Years
of Growing Strong!

Friday | February 27

- 7:00am - 8:00am Yoga with Tammy Z
7:30am - 10:00am Continental Breakfast
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8:30am - 10:00am Workshop Session I
10:30am - Noon General Session - Welcome
MOSES Farmer of the Year
Keynote: Dr. Vandana Shiva
Noon - 2:00pm Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm Workshop Session II
4:00pm - 5:30pm Workshop Session III

Friday Evening

- 5:30pm - 7:30pm Farmer Showcase and
Video Screenings
5:30pm - 6:45pm Organic Supper
5:30pm - 8:00pm MOSES Benefit Dinner
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7:00pm - 7:30pm The Children's Show
7:30pm - 8:30pm Star Valley Serenaders
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Saturday | February 28

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KEYNOTE presentations

20th OFC: Celebrating 20 Years of Growing Strong! Master of Ceremonies, Audrey Arner | Thursday, 7:00pm

Join us for the 20th Anniversary Organic Farming Conference kick-off. There will be song and dance, along with interactive moments as we reflect on 20 years of past OFCs and look to the future 20! We will tip our hats to a variety of conference history makers and shakers, and enjoy a slideshow of past OFC moments. Don't miss it!



Dr. Vandana Shiva “Agriculture for Life: Beyond Industrial Farming & Globalised Agriculture” | Friday, 10:30am

Dr. Vandana Shiva is trained as a Physicist and did her Ph.D. on the subject “Hidden Variables and Non-locality in Quantum Theory” from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She later shifted to inter-disciplinary research in science, technology and environmental policy, which she carried out at the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India. Dr. Shiva is one of the world's most renowned environmentalists. *Time Magazine* identified Dr. Shiva as an environmental “hero” in 2003 and *Asia Week* has called her one of the five most powerful communicators of Asia. Dr. Shiva has pioneered the organic movement in India and established Navdanya, the country's biggest network of seed keepers and organic producers. Dr. Shiva has authored many books including “Soil Not Oil”, “Earth Democracy”, “Stolen Harvest”, “Staying Alive”, “Water Wars” and “Biopiracy”. Among her many awards are the Alternative Nobel Prize (Right Livelihood Award, 1993), Order of the Golden Ark, Global 500 Award of UN and Earth Day.



Dr. Alan Greene “Why Farmers Are My Heroes” | Saturday, 10:30am

Dr. Alan Greene is devoted to giving real answers to parents' real questions. Alan is an electrifying public speaker, and has personally touched many during his talks in North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Dr. Greene is the Chair of the Board for The Organic Center and on the Advisory Board of Healthy Child Healthy World. He is a founding partner of the Collaborative on Health and the Environment. He also consults for the Environmental Working Group. In 1995, he launched DrGreene.com, cited by the AMA as “the pioneer physician Web site” on the Internet. His award-winning site receives over 50 million hits a month from parents, concerned family members, students, and healthcare professionals. Dr. Greene is the author of “Raising Baby Green” (Wiley, 2007), as well as several other parent guides. Dr. Greene also appears frequently on TV, radio, websites, and in newspapers and magazines around the world. He loves to think about challenging ideas, he only eats certified organic, wild, or home grown foods, and he wears green socks!



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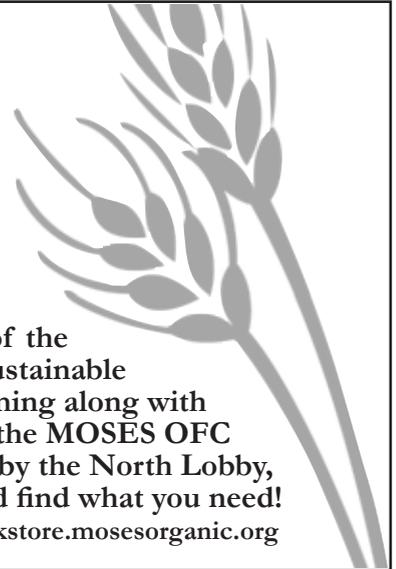


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Saturday 8am - 4pm

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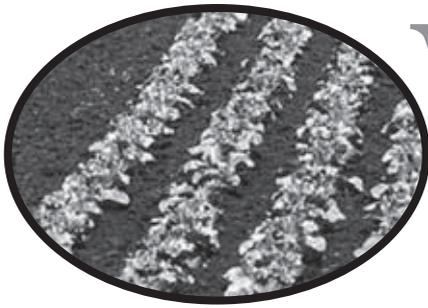
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Healthy soils provide the foundation for organic farming. These workshops will provide you with the practical information you need to improve your soil, your yields, and your bottom line.

PARTNERING WITH YOUR ECOSYSTEM

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Strength in diversity is the approach for Nature's Acres farm, where Jane and David Stevens have taken a holistic approach to farming their 130 acres. Join Four Elements Organic Herbals' **Jane Hawley Stevens** for a look at how integrating native species in their farmers market stand, value-added business, and home has created both interest and income.

HOORAY FOR ROOTS!

Friday Session I | 8:30am

If you grow a great root system, the root system will grow a great plant. Join the University of Minnesota's roots guy **Bud Markhart** to learn about the factors that influence the growth of a plant's root system, and how to grow robust roots under a variety of environmental conditions.

THE ART OF TILLAGE

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

This workshop will explore how careful tool selection, adjustment, operation and strategic integration with other practices will help you to accomplish important tillage objectives while minimizing the negative effects of tillage. Soil scientist and agroecologist **Joel Gruver's** photos, diagrams and videoclips will provide an inside look at how tillage tools perform under a range of field conditions.

COMPOST FOR MID-SIZED FARMS

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

Compost provides a perfect source of food for your living soil, but whether you purchase compost or make your own, it also comes with a lot of questions. Join Michigan State University's **John Biernbaum** for a down-to-earth look at tools and techniques for making great compost on the mid-sized farm, as well as the tools, techniques, and criteria for evaluating and deciding how to use farm-made or purchased compost.

ADVANCED MANAGEMENT OF ORGANIC SOIL FERTILITY

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

Soil organic matter forms the basic of soil quality, but its decomposition is necessary in an organic system to provide enough nitrogen and other nutrients required for quality products and high yields. Join Michigan State University soil scientist **Sieg Snapp** and organic extension educator **Vicki Morrone** for this advanced exploration of the biology, chemistry, and physical science of organic soil management.

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SOIL BIOLOGY BASICS

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

In an organic farming system, the soil is a living, dynamic community that is the product of a variety of factors. Join University of Wisconsin agriculture and natural resources agent **Mark Kopecky** for an introductory look at the life in the soil and how you can manage that life to your best advantage.

DESIGNING AN ORGANIC FARMING SYSTEM

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

We all want loose crumbly soil with lots of earthworms and other soil life, high levels of minerals and fast growing beautiful healthy crops with few or no insects, diseases, or weeds. Join MOSES's 2008 Organic Farmer of the Year **Gary Zimmer** for a look at how to put together a production system that works for you from tillage and amendments through rotations and green manure crops.

PRACTICAL METHODS FOR INCREASING BIODIVERSITY

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

The diversity of life expands at the edge of ecosystems, but the effects of these edges can be difficult to manage on a farm. Farm manager **Jeff Moyer** will discuss the techniques used at the Rodale Institute to harness the potential of biodiversity while mitigating the negative components, both above and below ground.

BIODYNAMICS IDEAS ANY FARMER CAN USE

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

The Biodynamic method is one of the original organized approaches to organic and sustainable agriculture dating back to 1924. Open the Biodynamic Tool Box with the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute's **Janet Gamble** and biodynamic farmer **Jim Fuller** to learn about the strategies commonly utilized by the Biodynamic farmer to achieve the development of a living farm organism as well as the short term and long term advantages of this approach.

OUTSMARTING YOUR WEEDS

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Knowledge-based ecological weed management entails understanding how weeds operate as organisms and controlling them by exploiting their biological weaknesses. Join author and longtime organic vegetable farmer (and weed manager), **Steve Gilman** to learn about weed reduction and control strategies including managing the weed seed bank, reducing birth rates and reproduction, and increasing the death rates at different stages of growth.

ORGANIC NO-TILL

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Organic no-till production of corn and soybeans has the potential to provide multiple environmental and economic benefits, but does it work in the Upper Midwest? Iowa State University researcher **Kathleen Delate** and Wisconsin farmer **Tom Miller** will share their experiences and research results about this innovative crop production technology.

MANAGING SOIL NUTRIENTS FOR OPTIMUM CROP PERFORMANCE

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

While nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium are essential for crop growth and yield, other nutrients are equally important. Join biological and organic soils consultant **Bob Yanda** for an in-depth discussion of trace minerals, how they interact with major nutrients, and their importance in crop production.

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR ORGANIC VARIETIES

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Organic crop production systems can produce yields equivalent to conventional production, but because they lack the same corrective tool box, proper variety selection can play an even bigger role in a crop's final outcome. Join Albert Lea Seedhouse's **Mac Ehrhardt** and Blue River Hybrids' **Maury Johnson** for this look at the traits you should consider for optimum production in organic field crops.

CONVERTING FALLOW TO FERTLE

Friday Session II | 2:00pm
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The transition of fallow crop land and CRP land to organic crop production has many challenges, from soil fertility and remineralization concerns to grants and transitional marketing opportunities. Join Lancaster Agriculture Products' **Reuben Stoltzfus** and Organic Valley's **Marty Grosse** for strategies you can use to maximize the potential of your crops on formerly fallow ground.

SUCCESSFUL ORGANIC CROP FARMERS

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

Our panel of successful organic crop farmers - **Carmen Fernholz, Mary-Howell Martens, Klaas Martens, Keith Wilson, and Stan Schutte** - will bring years of knowledge and experimentation to share with you the successes and challenges they have experienced over the years through the many challenging climatic conditions we have faced. Unique systems and equipment will be discussed as well as crop rotations that have been successful over time.

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COVER CROPS AND ROTATION FOR WEED CONTROL

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

Cover crops can play a valuable role in building soil fertility, especially on farms with limited access to animal manure. Join veteran organic crop farmer **Carmen Fernholz** for insights into organizing your crop rotation around the twin functions of soil building and weed control.

STATE OF THE ORGANIC SEED INDUSTRY

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

Organic seed has seen tremendous progress in recent years, but the organic seed industry faces continued challenges as demand grows. Join Blue River Hybrids' **Maury Johnson** and Albert Lea Seedhouse's **Mac Ehrhardt** as they examine the state of the organic seed industry for forage and field crops.

MANAGING SOIL FERTILITY FOR ORGANIC GRAIN AND FORAGE CROPS: YIELD, ECONOMICS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

Kevin Shelley, outreach educator with the University of Wisconsin Nutrient and Pest Management Program, will provide an overview of the University of Wisconsin Extension soil fertility recommendations, including soil sampling and analysis, soil nutrient credits for on-farm and other organic sources, and estimating field and farm nutrient budgets.

UNDERSTANDING THE SYSTEMS APPROACH TO CROP PRODUCTION

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

Crop production involves much more than just planting and harvesting, and the organic farmer needs to understand the relationship between soil nutrients, soil biology, and the physical properties of the soil to develop a long-term systems approach that results in yield gains and quality crops. Biological and organic soils consultant **Bob Yanda** will outline the importance of understanding the whole system and the benefits of managing each segment to achieve maximum crop achievements.

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IRRIGATION: A GROWER'S ROUNDTABLE ON DESIGNING A SYSTEM TO FIT YOUR SCALE AND RESOURCES

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Join market farmer **Dan Guenther** and irrigation specialist **Bill Zahrqewski** for this roundtable discussion of irrigation systems, including equipment choices, maintenance practices, and troubleshooting when things go wrong. Evaluating your needs and the pros and cons of different systems will be a focus of this workshop, as well as steps you can take to mitigate your irrigation needs.

FILLING THE GAP: HOW A PASSIVE SOLAR GREENHOUSE PROVIDES FRESH PRODUCE THROUGH A NORTHERN WINTER WITH A MINISCULE CARBON FOOTPRINT

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

Join Garden Goddess produce farmers **Carol Ford** and **Chuck Waibel** for this detailed look at how they fill their weekly CSA shares from October to April. Carol and Chuck will share their uniquely efficient passive solar greenhouse design, as well as how and what they grow during the winter.

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FOOD SAFETY ON THE MARKET FARM

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Food safety begins before the seed hits the ground. A variety of inputs and practices can adversely impact the overall safety of any type of crop whether it is organically or conventionally grown. Join Iowa State Extension's food safety specialist **Sam Beattie** for a look at a variety of issues associated with unsafe production and processing practices.

USING DRAFT ANIMALS ON THE MARKET FARM

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

Using draft animals on the market farm has become more enticing to growers reassessing what it means to be sustainable in a fossil fuel powered economy. Join instructors from **Tillers International** to learn what resources are available in your own back yard and how you can get started safely using oxen and horses.

CUT FLOWER SELECTION, PRODUCTION, AND MARKETING

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

From selecting appropriate varieties and planning a sunflower succession to harvest, post-harvest handling and sales, cut flower production comes with its own set of unique challenges. Join 24-year veteran cut flower grower **Carol Larsen** to learn how to make the most of your passion for flowers.

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FARM ANIMAL WELFARE

Friday Session I | 8:30am

As producers, we are all responsible for animal welfare and how we are perceived by the consumers we serve, so it is imperative that we treat our animals well and with compassion. Join Organic Valley's animal husbandry specialist **Wendy Fulwider** for a look at how you can treat your animals right and make consumers aware of what you are doing.

EXTENDING THE GRAZING SEASON

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Grazing shouldn't be just a "growing season" thing! Forage grazed in November can be just as profitable as May pasture! Veteran graziers understand that every additional day their stock are out grazing is an extra day of profit, labor savings and herd health benefits. Join *Graze* editor and publisher **Joel McNair** along with organic dairy graziers **Cheyenne Christianson** and **Art Thicke** for strategies that can keep forage available and livestock grazing when conditions are less than ideal.

FREE-CHOICE NUTRITION FOR LIVESTOCK

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

The internal balance of minerals in livestock is more important than what's on the mineral bag tag. Join Helfter Feeds' Senior Veterinary Consultant **Richard Holliday** for a discussion of what may cause cows to eat dirt, chew on wood and drink urine and some other symptoms of mineral deficiency or imbalance.

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ENERGETIC MEDICINE FOR ORGANIC LIVESTOCK: BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO ANIMAL HEALTH

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

Join long-time holistic veterinarian and organic dairy farmer **Marta Engel** as she discusses basic information about energetic healing using techniques from homeopathy, acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, and veterinary spinal manipulation. This workshop will include examples of how to get started in a simple-to-use format, as well as ample time for participant interaction.

HOW TALL IS TOO TALL? AND OTHER PASTURE MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

How tall should that grass be when the cows enter a paddock to graze? How much residual should be left after they leave? How quickly should the cows return to this paddock to graze again? Join *Graze* editor and publisher **Joel McNair** along with organic dairy graziers **Cheyenne Christianson** and **Art Thicke** for a look at how to find the correct answers depending on your specific situation and goals.

ORGANIC MILK PRODUCTION COSTS

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance's **Ed Maltby** joins Wisconsin organic dairy farmer **Darlene Coehoorn** for a look at the variety of costs that directly affect the bottom line on an organic dairy, whether seasonal, all-grass, or grazing mixed with corn supplementation. Darlene and Ed will share data that questions long-held ideas about the differences in regional production costs, as well as exploring how you can determine where your bottom line is, and how you can improve it.

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GOT GRASS? THE ULTIMATE ORGANIC CHOICE!

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

High quality grass can provide a least-cost production method for livestock production, plus high-quality animal products, carbon sequestration, and improved mineral, water, and energy cycles in the soil. Join certified organic grazer **Douglas Gunnink** for a discussion of the characteristics of high quality grass, the important factors in monitoring and managing pastures, and feeding your cows without grain.

HERBAL REMEDIES FOR CATTLE AND READING THE BOVINE HAIR COAT

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Dr. Paul Dettloff will cover the ten veterinary tools for alternative treatments in the organic system in this informational workshop, as well as providing an introduction to the science of reading the bovine hair coat as a way to gain insight into a cow's inherited characteristics and glandular status.

REPLACING CORN AND BEANS IN LIVESTOCK RATIONS

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

The decision to replace corn and beans in your livestock rations depends on a number of factors, from the performance needed to the nutritional needs of different species at different life and production stages. Join nutritional consultant **Keith Cuvelier** to explore the decision-making process and alternatives to the traditional corn and bean combination.

ORGANIC HOG PRODUCTION Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

Join sixth generation family farmer **Jude Becker** for a strategic discussion about the choices you need to make before you start raising and marketing hogs, as well as the varied effects on farm economics and cash flow. Jude will help you think through production and marketing options to get to the practical details of raising organic pork.



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POSITIONING YOUR FARM FOR PROFITABILITY

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Financial sustainability needs to be managed just like you manage for other results. Join long-time teacher and consultant to farmers and small business (and organic beef farmer) **Jim Munsch** for a discussion of how to do that. This workshop will focus on what information you need and how to use the information to make good decisions.

MEDIA 101: HOW ORGANIC FARMERS CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH THE MEDIA

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Organic agriculture needs more farmers to serve as media spokespeople, sharing your authentic, personal story and experiences to help grow this movement. Come for a crash course in media relations from **Lisa Kivirist**, **Roger Blobaum**, **Melinda Hemmelgarn**, and **Greg Leaf**.

SEE JANE GROW: HOW WOMEN ECOPRENEURS ARE LEADING AMERICA'S RURAL RENAISSANCE

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

From farmers to fiber artists, from cheesemakers to innkeepers, women launching farm-based businesses prioritize more than profit; they see their business as a tool to transform the world. Join innkeeper and MOSES Rural Women's Project director **Lisa Kivirist**, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's **Aimee Witteman**, and Food Sleuth columnist **Melinda Hemmelgarn** to learn about this rural women's ecopreneur movement. (Join women farmers, activists and ecopreneurs for a networking reception immediately following the workshop. Whether you're a seasoned advocate and grower - or just starting to plot your own business - come for inspiration, ideas and networking.)

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BOOKKEEPING ON THE ORGANIC FARM

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

As though there wasn't enough to do on the farm, the IRS wants you to keep track of your money, too - plus, knowing where your money comes from and where it goes is a critical part of operating a profitable farm enterprise. **Tricia Bross**, longtime farmer and tax preparer, will guide you through the information you need to make things easy on your tax preparer, as you track the coming and going of money on your farm.

A HISTORY OF THE LOCAL ORGANIC FOOD MOVEMENT IN THE TWIN CITIES

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Join Co-op Partners Warehouse buyer and former organic fruit and vegetable grower **Rhys Williams** for a brief history of how the Twin Cities became a national leader in local organic food and what can be done to ensure its continued success in an uncertain future.

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THE ORGANIC AG. MOVEMENT,
AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Learn how to generate awareness of your business as well as the organic movement using a variety of creative tactics such as letters to the editor, opinion essays, and blog postings. Author, innkeeper, and activist **Lisa Kivirist** will show you how to tap into your own personal underground public relations agency.

**DECIDING WHAT TO PLANT:
CLUES FROM YOUR SOIL, MARKET,
EQUIPMENT, LAND AND CLIMATE**

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Deciding what vegetables to plant, when and where is a crucial part of a successful fresh market organic vegetable system plan. Join long-time organic farmer **Atina Duffley** for a look at the assortment of elements to consider and investigate the fundamental decisions that will help shape your farm's crop mix.

**GREENWASHING: MEDIA
LITERACY TOOLS TO EMPOWER
CONSUMERS IN THE MARKETPLACE**

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

Advertising Age reports that 78% of people surveyed in nine countries like to buy "green" brands that have an "eco-conscience." But does "green" mean all things natural, organic, sustainable and earth-friendly? Or is green simply the color of money? Dietician and journalist **Melinda Hemmelgarn** will help you discover what "green" can really mean.

**PRICING AND MARKETING
ORGANIC ROW CROP
COMMODITIES**

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

While the agronomics of growing organic grain crops is certainly important, marketing with wisdom and skill can often determine long-term success. Join **Mary-Howell Martens, Klaas Martens, Lowell Rheinheimer, and Mike Schulist** as they discuss marketing programs, diversification to add value and reduce risk, pricing strategies, and their view of the future and the changing organic grain marketplace.

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HOP ON NOP: HEAR OF PROGRESS ON THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

What changes have occurred at the NOP during the last year? What changes can we expect under the new Administration? Come hear two leading experts on the USDA National Organic Program - **Jim Riddle**, UMN, former chair of the National Organic Standards Board, and **Emily Brown Rosen**, Policy Director for Pennsylvania Certified Organic - explain changes to the regulation, and discuss where the National Organic Program is headed.

THE ABC'S OF NOP 4 U & ME: ORGANIC CERTIFICATION FOR NEW APPLICANTS

Saturday Session I | 8:30am

Becoming Certified Organic is not easy, but it is definitely worth it - and Midwest Organic Services Association's **Jackie Von Ruden** and Oregon Tilth Certified Organic's **Jim Pierce** will provide insights that will make it easier, from choosing a certifier and understanding the certification process to maintaining a good farmer-certifier relationship.

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HEALTHY HONEYBEES AND POLLINATORS

Friday Session I | 8:30am

The recent highly-publicized decline of European honey bees has made pollinator diversification a critical issue for growers who require bees for crop production. Join beekeeper and author **Ross Conrad** and the Xerxes Society's **Eric Mader** to learn about the latest science-based conservation practices for native pollinators, allowing them to reduce (or even eliminate) their dependency on managed honey bees.

STATE OF ORGANIC RESEARCH

Friday Session I | 8:30am

Increased federal funding is providing new opportunities for expanded organic research. The Organic Farming Research Foundation President **Steve Ela** joins OFRF's Senior Policy Analyst **Mark Lipson** for an overview of how the Post-Farm Bill context of USDA research and education agencies is morphing into something new.

NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

In nearly three years of meetings and workshops around the United States, hundreds of participants have helped develop goals, mechanisms, and benchmarks to ensure organic integrity and a marketplace for US family farm agriculture, as well as to provide access to healthy food for all income levels. Join the National Organic Action Plan Project organizer **Liana Hoodes** and University of Minnesota's Organic Outreach Coordinator **Jim Riddle** to hear the early results of a vision that will form the basis for a United States National Organic Action Plan.

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BEYOND THE FARM BILL: ORGANIZING A POLITICAL RESPONSE TO OTHER POLICY CHANGES THAT WOULD IMPACT ORGANIC AG. IN THE MIDWEST

Friday Session II | 2:00pm

Organic policy extends beyond the Farm Bill, to issues at both the federal and the state levels. Join Washington insiders **Roger Blobaum**, **Steve Etka**, and **Zachariah Baker** for an exploration, including the proposed national sustainable agriculture standards and other controversial initiatives that would impact organic farming.

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GMO IMPACTS ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Friday Session III | 4:00pm

Genetically modified crops are a major threat to the integrity of organics. Modified crops have contaminated organics causing organic farmers to have crops rejected and lose premiums. The Organic & Non-GMO Report's editor and publisher **Ken Roseboro** will provide an overview of GM crops currently in production, the issues GMO contamination have created, and strategies to prevent contamination.

FARM TO SCHOOL: SELLING LOCAL FOOD TO SCHOOLS

Saturday Session II | 2:00pm

Join Great Lakes Farm to School Network coordinator **Sara Tedeschi** for a panel presentation outlining the opportunities, challenges and available resources for farmers interested in selling to schools. Hear directly from a farmer and food service director about what it takes to make a farm to school connection work, including how small- and medium-sized farms can meet emerging food safety guidelines required by most institutional buyers.

NEW FUNDING IN THE 2008 FARM BILL FOR SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

There is more money in the new farm bill for organic and sustainable agriculture than ever before. The Center for Rural Affairs' **Traci Bruckner**, Land Stewardship Project's **Adam Warthesen**, and the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's **Aimee Witteman** will give detailed information about the 2008 Farm Bill program wins that support organic farming, conservation, and beginning farmers and ranchers, and how farmers can participate in the new programs.

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ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Saturday Session III | 4:00pm

From student gardens and experiential learning to travel courses and innovative classroom strategies, universities and colleges across America are taking new interest in and new approaches to sustainable agriculture. Join veteran sustainable agriculture teacher and researcher **Mary Wiedenhoef** to share your school's successes and challenges in teaching organic and sustainable agriculture.

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All courses include an organic breakfast, lunch and a resource book. Cost is \$150 per course. Use the registration form at the back of this flyer to indicate which OU course you wish to attend. We strongly encourage you to pre-register, as walk-in spaces may not be available. We apologize, but childcare will not be available during OU courses.

1) GETTING STARTED WITH AN ORGANIC FARM

People enter organic farming for many reasons; returning to the family farm after a career, newly graduated from school, farming on family land or starting out on their own. Deciding on what type of farming operation takes some thought: Are you good with equipment? Animals? How much capital can you invest before receiving payback? Farming organically adds more considerations, such as methods of soil building, planning outdoor access for livestock, and planning to meet market requirements. Join **Amy Bacigalupo** of the Land Stewardship Project and **Paul Dietmann** of the WI Department of AG's Farm Center to explore options and the numerous resources available to beginning farmers.

2) ADVANCED ORGANIC DAIRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Join two veterinarians who have been working with organic dairy producers for many years for a stimulating day of discussion centered on dairy animal health management. **Paul Dettloff, DVM** and **Richard (Doc) Holliday, DVM** will start with a review of the basics of promoting health. They will move into an advanced discussion on the use of herbal and homeopathic remedies, as well as the use of acupuncture and physical manipulation and evaluation. Organic dairy health is rooted in good animal management and this course will provide the tools to improve your operation, although we cannot guarantee that you will learn to produce all heifer calves!

3) HONEYBEES AND NATIVE POLLINATORS

Enhance your farm's environment to promote healthy habitat and forage for struggling pollinators as well as understand how these insects interact with your farm's production capabilities. Beekeeping basics will be discussed, with special emphasis on long-term solutions for healthy hives without the use of toxic chemicals and antibiotics. **Ross Conrad**, author of *Natural Beekeeping*, will give an overview of genetics and breeding, hive equipment and manipulation, as well as mite and disease control. **Eric Mader**, National Pollinator Outreach Coordinator with the Xerces Society, will discuss farm and land management practices as well as government support programs for pollinator habitat enhancement.

4) ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND BIODYNAMIC METHODS

Biodynamic farming is organic farming which views the farm as a whole organism while recognizing its place in the greater environment, from the local region to our entire planet. Use of specific mineral and herbal "preparations" enhance the vitality of the farm, in a fashion similar to homeopathic remedies used for human and animal health maintenance. **Jim Fullmer**, executive director of Demeter and Stellar Certification Services and a long time biodynamic farmer, as well as **Janet Gamble**, farm and food director at the Michael Fields Institute, will team up to present biodynamic farm basics and offer tips that any farmer can use to bring their farm's production to a new level.



5) GRAZING THE ORGANIC WAY

Pasture is mandated for organic ruminant systems. Taking the next step to managed grazing should not only increase your profitability but also has numerous other benefits. Join experienced Wisconsin beef grazer **Jim Munsch**, also a county grazing educator, and experienced Minnesota dairy grazer **Art Thicke** for a dynamic session on getting the most out of your organic grazing system. Jim and Art will share views of each of their farms, as well as discuss economics, pasture composition, timing of rotations and other grazing concepts. This will be an advanced session planned for those who have already dabbled in rotational grazing, but even beginners will walk away with a lot of good ideas and resources.

6) ADVANCED TREE FRUIT PRODUCTION

Growing perennial crops such as fruit trees offers unique production challenges, especially for organic orchardists. Soil building and enhancement of a diverse environment, both challenges in an orchard, will be the focus of this session. Understanding the factors that encourage insect breeding and feeding is important in the management of insect problems and aids the producer in the effective and timely use of traps, pheromone disrupters and organically approved spray materials. Our panel of experienced organic orchardists, **George Bird**, professor in the Department of Entomology from Michigan State University, **Steve Ela**, from Colorado, and **Jim Koan** from Michigan will bring many ideas for discussion.

7) SUCCESSFULLY GROWING SMALL GRAINS AND FORAGES

High quality small grains and forages are the heart of organic farm production, both for their soil building aspects and their place in a healthy livestock ration. Producers **Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens**, of upstate New York, and **Carmen Fernholz**, of western Minnesota, will bring their extensive experience and years of experimentation and work with other organic farmers and Universities to help you understand the seeds, rotations, equipment and systems you need to grow these crops, which are in strong demand for both livestock and human food. Whether you are a cash grain farmer or are growing crops to feed to your own livestock, this session will give you the tools you need to increase yields and quality.

8) COVER CROPS AND TILLAGE IN AN ORGANIC SYSTEM

Join **Jeff Moyer**, of the Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania, and **Tom Miller**, dairy farmer from Columbus, WI, for a review of various cover crop and tillage options used by successful organic farmers to produce good yields while continually improving soil fertility and structure. Jeff, as longtime Rodale farm manager, has been a pioneer in organic no-till farming. Tom and his family have been using this system successfully in Wisconsin for 3+ years, and with researchers have tested a variety of methods to produce nice organic crops with a minimum of both tillage and weed pressure. Green manures and effective tillage in a conventional organic system will also be discussed, giving you the options you need to manage all of your fields effectively.

9) ENHANCING SOIL BIOLOGICAL LIFE

Join **Gary Zimmer** of Otter Creek Organic Dairy and Midwestern Bio-Ag, and **Joel Gruver**, professor of soil science at Western Illinois University, for a stimulating discussion on soil improvement. Enhancement of soil biological life and balance of nutrients in the soil is the basis for long term production that provides for both good yields and continual improvement of soil structure. Long time organic farmers as well as newcomers will find this session useful. Even marginal land can be modified to produce good crops using the knowledge that you will gain in this course. If you are bringing CRP or fallow land into production it will be invaluable in helping you be a successful organic producer.

10) HOOP HOUSES AND SEASON EXTENSION

Hoop Houses of various types and costs have been used effectively for many years, producing greens and other high-demand crops both during the main season and our long winter. Our three speakers, **John Biernbaum** of Michigan State University, **Bill Warner** and **Judy Hageman** of Snug Haven Farm in Wisconsin have numerous seasons of experience growing a wide variety crops. Seed variety selection, soil preparation and fertility improvement, crop rotation, harvest, hoop house maintenance and many “tricks-of-the-trade” will be discussed to aid you in setting up your own extended season production for many years to come.

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THEATRE PRODUCTION

Friday, February 27

We welcome children of any age to join or help out! There will be narrated parts and lines for those who want to learn them, and time for simple set design and construction. The performance will be held Friday evening. Other activities include small loom weaving, facilitated cooperative games, fun obstacle courses, hair wraps, clay play, origami, & farm crafts.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

February 28

8:00 am - 12:30pm	Cardboard Radio Puppetry
11:00am - 12:30pm	Painting
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Lunch with parents
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Book binding, colorful card creations
4:00 - 5:30pm	Farm Story, musical improv, group sing along

CHILDCARE

Activities include cozy reading corner, twister, string games, building blocks, wooden blocks and train track, dress-up clothes, paper creations, coloring, a play room, house building with cloths, and nap care. Childcare Coordinator **Adrienne Caldwell** has training in Waldorf education and is actively interested in org. farming. Adrienne has pioneered the org. hot lunch program for the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School in Viroqua, WI and currently teaches kindergarten there. p. 608-675-3737, peoplearegood@gmail.com

TEEN SPACE

A place where "organic" teens get to be the 'norm', to do crafts, build things or just hang out. Young people return each year to feel that same camaraderie adult conference-goers love. This way the education and networking for which MOSES is so well known can continue for teens!

MAKE and TAKE WORKSHOPS

Features quilted juggling or stress balls, beneficial bat houses, and the ever popular tie-dyeing. This year's 20th anniversary will make the conference t-shirts truly unique! In addition, please join us in a current issues discussion of 'Environmental Issues and Actions for Teens', and 'Teen Yoga' sessions that explore stress reduction, everyday movement and techniques for feeling less tired!

TEEN CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

Donna Goodlaxson (40acres@chibardun.net), a "retired" CSA farmer, currently teaches Junior High students at a Montessori Land School in NW Wisconsin. Donna will lead most teen workshops with help from her own organic teens; **Henry** (visiting from Germany), **Sadie, Miles** and **Alice**. 'Bat House Building' will be guided by **Mark Plunkett**, an ardent MOSES supporter and husband to Faye Jones (MOSES Executive Director).

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LUNCH

Thursday, Feb. 26th

Sandwich buffet, couscous with pine nuts and currants, garden greens, vegan soup, fruit crisp.

Friday, Feb. 27th

Seafood chowder, tomato bisque, grilled cheese sandwiches, marinated vegetable pasta salad, marinated chick pea salad, garden greens, brownies.

Saturday, Feb. 28th

Beef roast, roasted potato crisps, winter squash with parsnips, Waldorf salad, garden greens, snapper turtle bread pudding.

BREAKS

Fresh fruit, blue corn chips, salsa, cheeses, yogurt, cheese curds, cookies, breads, fruit and nut spreads, granola bars.

DINNER (sold separately on registration form)

Thursday, Feb. 27th

Slow roasted barbeque ribs, parsley buttered red potatoes, baked beans, corn relish, brown rice salad, and corn bread, garden greens, apple pie.

Friday, Feb. 28th

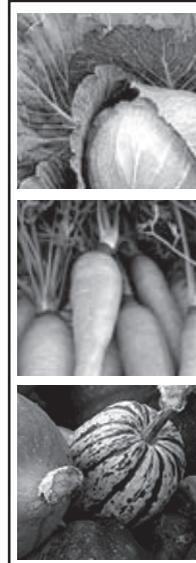
Pasta with choice of pesto sauce, chicken alfredo sauce or Bolognese sauce, Italian blend vegetables, carrot slaw with ginger vinaigrette, bread sticks, garden greens, pumpkin cake.

VEGAN MEALS* (pre-plated)

Couscous with red peppers, chick pea and almond stew. Tomato and eggplant quinoa with caper sauce. Basmati spinach ragout, Italian blend vegetables. Peanut millet with grilled curried vegetables.

Barbecued tofu taco's, Spanish rice, smoking beans.

***For a vegan meal, please check the appropriate box on your registration form.**



MOSES DINNER BENEFIT

Friday, February 27 - 5:30pm
~in the Radisson Hotel Ballroom

Enjoy delicious organic food.

Support MOSES programs.

GIVE • EAT • RELAX • ENJOY

\$65 Minimum Donation*

(all monies benefit MOSES, support the OFC, & provide trainings & free resources for local farmers.)

**Purchase tickets on your conference registration*

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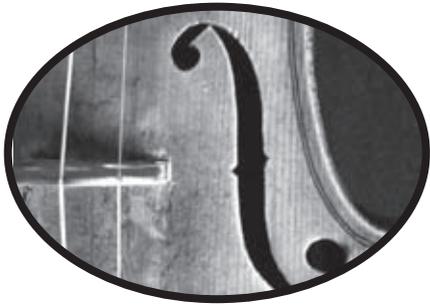
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Join us for a delicious organic meal prepared by Chef Monique. Support MOSES, help farmers go organic! Eat. Drink. Be Merry. **Your Support Matters!**



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CONFERENCE entertainment

MOSES has lined up a terrific variety of entertainment to keep you amused and engaged throughout the Conference. We hope you take time to unwind with us, to dance, laugh and mix it up with your fellow Conference goers.

Early AM Yoga with Tammy Z

Friday and Saturday, 7:00am-8:00am

Join Tammy Z for a revitalizing and dynamic yoga series before jumping into your conference day. Yoga is for all ages, and all body types. Relax your body and mind, stretch, release tension. Please come dressed in comfortable clothes that promote easy movement. Please bring your own yoga mat or a large beach towel.

Synister Dane and the Kickapoo Disco Cosmonuts

Prior to Each General Session

There is no better reason to be on time for the keynote presentations than to experience the Synister Dane warm-up. Witty, agro-environmental lyrics and bluegrass harmony come together for agriculture to create a dynamic and organic keynote state of being. **Jeff Bartovics, Allen Moody, Jim Pierce and Mark Shepard** are the 'nuts' in the band who bring you Populist Protest Music by farmers for farmers and the folks who eat their food. Be sure to check out their website www.synisterdane.com. Buy a CD online!

Video Screenings (Fri. & Sat.)

Day and evening screenings

Join us in the screening room for a variety of food and farming themed films. Films include Michigan filmmaker **Chris Bedford's** "Coming Home: ReLocalization and the Future of Local Economies", a film by Wisconsin filmmaker **Gretta Wing Miller**, plus Pollen Nation, King Corn, and more! All films will screen multiple times throughout the conference, so you won't miss out! Thanks to Chris and Gretta for coordinating the screening rooms in addition to showing their films!

The Children's Show

Friday, 7:00pm - 7:30pm

The Children's Show featuring children in the youth program with assistance from Viroqua Youth Initiative students. Directed by **Joseph Eckland**, The Children's Show is sure to be colorful, entertaining and family friendly.

Old Time String Band Music with the Star Valley Serenaders

Friday, 7:30pm - 8:30pm

The Star Valley Serenaders are a quartet of old-time string band musicians from the Kickapoo River region of Southwest Wisconsin. They perform barn-burning hoedowns, lively rags, romantic waltzes and a variety of other dance music and songs from the American rural music traditions of the 1920s and 30s. Their performances also feature traditional Appalachian flatfoot dancing (also known as clogging). Members of the band include **Tim Foss** on fiddle, **Hans Verrick** on banjo, **Kathy Casper** on guitar and feet, and **Greg Cheesebro** on washtub bass.

HEADflow

Friday, 9:00pm - midnight

Get in the flow. HEADflow is an adventurous and organic funk rock and soul band playing a mix of many styles of music. This band of jammers keeps the crowd dancing all night long with their original tunes as well as an eclectic mix of classic and modern covers. HEADflow puts on a show full of energy and showcases **Jackie Kolenko** on vocals and guitar, multi-instrumentalist **Barry Jensen** on flute, sax, and keyboards, **Tedd Heilmann** and **David Bruce** on guitars and vocals, **Macon Luhning** on drums, and **Richie Gallindo** on percussion. Their songs feature tight vocal harmonies and a wide dynamic range that is guaranteed to get your body flowing. Come out and shake a leg with your fellow organic friends and dance the night away. HEADflow has recently recorded and released their second full length CD, which will be for sale at the show.

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LA CROSSE, WI maps, lodging

The 20th Annual OFC will be held at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse WI. Visit www.mosesorganic.org for a complete listing of hotels.

La Crosse Area Hotels

Ask for the Organic Farming Conference rate when reserving a room. Listed rates do not include tax and only apply to reservations made before January 25th, 2009. Please confirm prices with the hotel. For more information, contact the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at: www.explorelacrosse.com, or call 800-658-9424.

America's Best Value Inn

2622 Rose St., La Crosse, WI
608-781-3070
\$50 single/\$55 double

Best Western

1835 Rose St, La Crosse, WI
608-781-7000
\$100 single/double

Brookstone Inn

1830 Rose St., La Crosse, WI
608-781-1400
\$60 single/\$78 double

Courtyard By Marriott

500 Front St., La Crosse, WI
608-782-1000
\$110 double

Days Hotel

101 Sky Harbour Dr., La Crosse, WI
608-783-1000
\$69 double/king

Econo Lodge

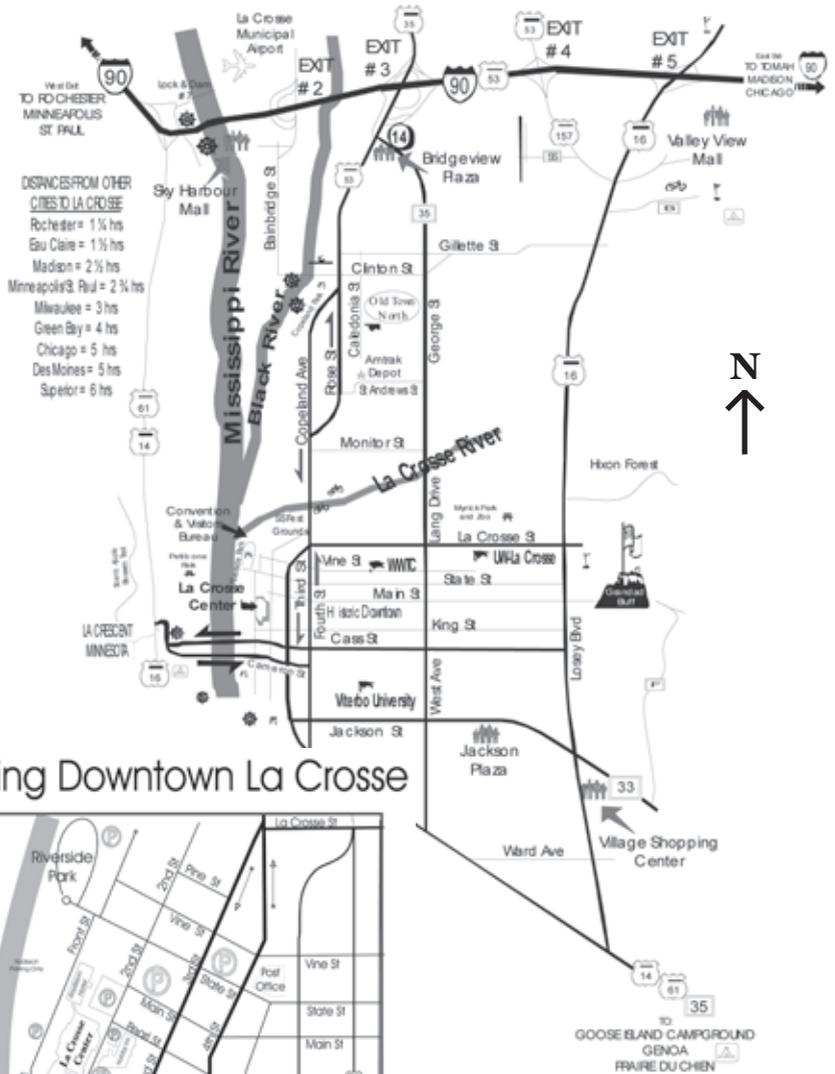
1906 Rose St, La Crosse, WI
608-781-0200
\$50 double/king

Excel Inn

2150 Rose St, La Crosse, WI
608-781-0400
\$50 single/double

Grand Stay Residential Suites

525 Front St. N, La Crosse, WI
608-796-1615
\$92 single / \$102 double



Parking Downtown La Crosse



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Guest House Motel

810 S 4th St, La Crosse, WI
608-784-8840
\$63 single/\$70 double

Microtel Inn

3240 N Kinney Coulee Rd.,
Onalaska, WI
608-783-0833
\$50 single/\$58 double

Super 8 Motel

1625 Rose St., La Crosse, WI
608-781-8880
\$72 single / \$82 double



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REGISTRATION info/policies

Please take the time to read through our registration policies and timeline. Be sure to get your registration in on time! Not sure if you can come? Feel free to come at the last minute. Walk-in registrations are available for an additional \$25. There's no reason to miss out. See you in La Crosse!

Registration Form

We accept registrations by mail, fax, or online. You can't register via phone.

Each registration form allows for a maximum of 2 adults and 3 children to register. Please photocopy the form to register additional adults or children, or download one at www.mosesorganic.org/conference.

Registration Timeline & Fees

All registrations between February 11-18: LATE FEES APPLY

Registration forms and payment MUST be postmarked, received online, or faxed in to the MOSES office by 2/11. A late fee of \$15 applies to all registrations received between 2/11-2/18. We WILL NOT accept forms for pre-registrations after 2/18/09.

Organic University Registrants

Select only 1 course for the day.

There are no 2nd or 3rd choices.

Friday Supper Choices

2 options available. Please choose 1.

You have a choice of either the organic supper (\$15) or the MOSES benefit dinner (\$65 minimum donation).

Walk-in Registrations

All registrations after February 18th must take place onsite at the La Crosse Center.

There is an additional fee of \$25 for walk-in registrations.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds after February 18th, 2009

Prior to 2/18, requests for refunds can be made in writing to MOSES, PO Box 339, Spring Valley, WI 54767, or emailed to cathy@mosesorganic.org. A processing fee of \$15 will be applied to all approved refunds.

Ordering Conference CDs & MP3s

Resource Express, 800-535-3830

www.organicvoices.com

Workshops and keynotes will be professionally recorded. CDs and MP3s will be available for purchase at the conference or from Resource Express, info@organicvoices.com, 6252 137th Court, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

Volunteer/Scholarships

If you're volunteering for the conference, or applying for a scholarship, there is a [different registration form](#). Please visit www.mosesorganic.org to learn more.

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YES! I want to help farmers make the transition to organic farming.

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A check is enclosed, payable to MOSES Please charge my Visa MasterCard

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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2009 Organic Farming Conference * For registration info and helpful hints see facing page.

Registration Form

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

NAME 1: _____ Vegetarian? Vegan?
 NAME 2: _____ Vegetarian? Vegan?
 Farm/Business Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE (OFC) REGISTRATION

(Thurs. evening through Saturday, Feb. 26-28) **Cost x # people = TOTAL**

2-day Registration (Fri & Sat) Name 1 Name 2 \$175 x ____ = \$ ____
Friday Only 2/27 Name 1 Name 2 \$90 x ____ = \$ ____
Saturday Only 2/28 Name 1 Name 2 \$90 x ____ = \$ ____
Conference Subtotal \$ _____

KIDS CONFERENCE FEES for ages 3-18 (scholarships available)

(Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28) **Cost x # people = TOTAL**

Friday Admission \$38 x ____ = \$ ____
Saturday Admission \$38 x ____ = \$ ____
 Child Thursday Supper \$7 x ____ = \$ ____
 Child Friday Supper \$7 x ____ = \$ ____
Kids Conference Subtotal \$ _____

Childcare Needed? (ages 3-12) Yes No For how many kids? _____

Name of child: _____ **Age:** _____
Name of child: _____ **Age:** _____
Name of child: _____ **Age:** _____

SUPPER (breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included) Cost x # people = TOTAL

Thursday Supper Name 1 Name 2 \$15 x ____ = \$ ____
Friday Supper Name 1 Name 2 \$15 x ____ = \$ ____
-OR- Support MOSES by attending the Friday Benefit Dinner
MOSES Benefit Dinner Name 1 Name 2 \$ ____ x ____ = \$ ____
 (\$65 minimum donation per person) **Thank you!**
Supper Subtotal \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES -- add up your registration fees here TOTAL

OFC Registration Subtotal \$ _____
 OU Registration Subtotal \$ _____
 Kids Conference Registration Subtotal \$ _____
 Supper Subtotal \$ _____
 Extras Subtotal \$ _____
+Add late fee of \$15 if postmarked between Feb. 11-18th \$ _____
 (NO pre-registrations after Feb. 18th. Walk-ins in La Crosse only.)
GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Area of interest: (check all that apply)

Livestock Poultry Vegetables/Fruits
Dairy Row Crops/Forage Flowers/Herbs

Vocation: (check all that apply)

Educator Business
Student Government
Conventional Farmer Organization
Sustainable Farmer Retail
Certified Organic Farmer Direct Marketing
Transitional Farmer

ORGANIC UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION

(Thurs, Feb. 26) **Cost x # people = TOTAL**

Name 1 Name 2 \$150 x ____ = \$ ____

Select **ONLY ONE OU Course per person.**

NAME 1 OU# ____ & **NAME 2** OU# ____

OU COURSES 2009

1. Getting Started with an Organic Farm
2. Advanced Org. Dairy Health Management
3. Honeybees and Native Pollinators
4. Organic Ag. and Biodynamic Methods
5. Grazing the Organic Way
6. Advanced Tree Fruit Production
7. Successfully Growing Small Grains & Forages
8. Cover Crops & Tillage in an Org. System
9. Enhancing Soil Biological Life
10. Hoop Houses & Season Extension

OU Subtotal \$ _____

EXTRAS TOTAL

Donate to the Scholarship Fund \$ _____
 Your donation makes the OFC accessible to everyone. **Thank you!**
The Organic Broadcaster Subscription (\$15x1yr-6 issues) \$ _____
 \$5.00 off for subscribing NOW!
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Extras Subtotal \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Money order (payable to MOSES)
MasterCard or Visa
Card # _____
Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Your registration CANNOT BE PROCESSED without payment.

Send payments by Feb. 18th to:
 MOSES, PO Box 339, Spring Valley, WI 54767 or FAX with credit card info to 715-772-3162.
 Register online or download additional registration forms at www.mosesorganic.org/conference



VOLUNTEER AT THE OFC!

In exchange for work hours, volunteers receive reduced OFC rates!

Volunteer at the OFC, get to know other conference goers, help MOSES put on an unforgettable event! Request a volunteer application from the MOSES office or download one online at www.mosesorganic.org/volunteer.html. We have limited volunteer slots available and they will be filled on a first come first serve basis, so get your applications in ASAP! Email applications to sarah@mosesorganic.org. **Application deadline: January 1, 2009.**

PLEASE NOTE: For OFC volunteers and scholarship applicants there is a separate application process. Go to www.mosesorganic.org to learn more.

SUPPORT THE OFC SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

The OFC Scholarship Fund provides farmers and friends of farmers financial assistance to attend the Conference! The USDA Risk Management Agency, MN NRCS, Ceres Foundation, and MOSES have generously supported the fund for many years, but we need the added support of people like you to ensure the fund's availability and growth! **Check out your OFC registration form for donation details. Thank you!**

How to Apply for an OFC Scholarship -- visit www.mosesorganic.org/scholarship.html or email sarah@mosesorganic.org to have an application mailed to you. Please note that we give scholarship priority to applicants who are farmers, those who have not been awarded a scholarship in the past, and those who are attending the OFC for the first time. **OFC Scholarship deadline: January 1, 2009.**

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Farmers! Sell your products, exchange seeds, share your knowledge, network! Four feet of tabletop available per farmer. First come, first serve. Only farmers registered for the conference can enroll.
Enrollment Deadline: Jan. 23rd, 2009.
 For more info email: jessica@mosesorganic.org

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MOSES STAFF *We'd love to meet you! Introduce yourself at the OFC!*

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