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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Organic Strawberry Production Field Day Offered – June 13

*Free event focuses on quality production & insect management*

**SPRING VALLEY, WI** – The Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) announces a farm field day on “Organic Strawberry Production” to be held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm at Wilson’s Organic Strawberries located six miles west of Alexandria, MN. The field day event is free and will be held rain or shine.

This field day is for producers who want to improve their current strawberry operation or who are just starting out. Farmers Brian and Laura Wilson will cover the topics of soil preparation, plant varieties, plant spacing, crop rotation, weed control, nutrient and water management and harvesting, as participants walk the berry fields. The Wilsons have been successfully growing high quality certified organic strawberries for many years and will be sharing their strategies for success. They have a diversified 44 acre organic farm which in addition to producing two acres of strawberries also produces raspberries and vegetables. Customers can pick their own berries starting in mid-June or buy them pre-picked. A large variety of other fruits and vegetables, all certified organic, are also available for sale on the farm.

Also featured at the field day will be Thaddeus McCamant of Northland Community and Technical College. Mr. McCamant will share his expertise of insect and disease management on a commercial scale berry operation. MOSES staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions about organic certification, the organic rules and what farm inputs are allowed in organic production.

“This field day will be great for those who are already growing organic berries but want to know more and for those who are just beginning their berry farms,” said Harriet Behar, MOSES organic specialist. “Like all MOSES field days, it will be a great mix of practical farming information and seeing the operation first-hand in the field.”

MOSES is a non-profit education and resource organization that works with farmers, farming organizations, and government agencies to organize its organic farm field days. Field day sessions are open to all farmers, agriculture professionals, and those interested in organic and sustainable farming practices. MOSES provides free information and resources to attendees of its field days, trainings and farm events.

Pre-registration is preferred. There are three easy options to register for MOSES field day events: online at [www.mosesorganic.org](http://www.mosesorganic.org), call (715) 778-5775 or email: [angie@mosesorganic.org](mailto:angie@mosesorganic.org).

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