

OGRAIN Weekly Workshop Series

How to stay afloat in stormy waters –

Managing for low organic commodity crop prices

Fridays, noon-1:30 CST, Weekly from Nov 20-March 26 via Zoom

Each week features a topic related to organic grain production. Brief presentations will be followed by open discussion. Participation is free, but **pre-registration is required for each session.**

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Weekly Topics and Speakers

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| Nov 20 | 2020 Season round-up and market update | <i>Ryan Koory, (Director of Economics, Mercaris)</i> |
| Dec 4 | Creating a profitable organic grain rotation, through transition and beyond | <i>Bryce Irlbeck (AgriSecure Co-Founder & Owner, B&B Irlbeck Farms, Manning, IA) and Michael Langmeier (Director of Cropping Systems, Purdue Univ.)</i> |
| Dec 11 | Organic pea agronomy and markets | <i>Brent Reck (Agronomist, Puris)</i> |
| Dec 18 | Managing through tough financial times and low organic grain prices | <i>Paul Dietmann, (Senior Lending Officer, Compeer Financial)</i> |
| Jan 8 | 60" corn in organic systems - what are we learning? | <i>Sandy Syburg (White Oak Farm Organics, Oconomowoc, WI)</i> |
| Jan 15 | Harvesting and storing food-grade organic grain | <i>Harold Wilken (Farmer, Janie's Farm Organics, Danforth, IL) and Craig Tomera (Identity Preserved Crop Specialist, Grain Millers)</i> |
| Jan 22 | Variety selection and disease management in organic food-grade grain production | <i>Julie Dawson (UW-Madison), Darcy Telenko (Purdue University), John Wepking (Farmer, Meadowlark Organics, Ridgeway, WI)</i> |

More sessions --->



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Jan 29	Organic sunflower production	<i>Josh Engel (Farmer, Driftless Organics, Soldiers Grove, WI)</i>
Feb 3	Thinking through Return on Investment and Partial Budget Analyses - balancing investments in times of low prices	<i>Bryce Irlbeck (AgriSecure Co-Founder & Owner, B&B Irlbeck Farms, Manning, IA) and Paul Dietmann (Senior Lending Officer, Compeer Financial)</i>
Feb 12	What is new in organic grain weed management? Organic herbicides, weed zappers, and other tools	<i>Lynn Sosknowski, (Assistant Professor of Weed Science, Cornell University), Willie Hughes (Farmer, Hughes Farm, Janesville, WI)</i>
Feb 19	Reducing tillage in organic grain productions - latest in agronomics and equipment	<i>Erin Silva, Léa Vereecke, Brian Luck, Jessica Drewry (UW-Madison)</i>
March 5	Adapting intercropping grain systems for organic systems	<i>Jason Mauck (Farmer, Constant Canopy, Gaston, Indiana)</i>
March 12	OGRAIN Compass: Using a spreadsheet tool to calculate and project transitional and certified organic cost of production and profit	<i>John Hendrickson (Outreach Specialist, Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems), and Jim Munsch (Consultant)</i>
March 19	Tillage and cultivation equipment round-up	<i>Farmers and Industry reps, TBD</i>
March 26	Organic grain soil fertility management – strategizing approaches and amendments	<i>Mark Kopecky, (NM State Agronomist, NRCS)</i>

OGRAIN offers the latest organic grain research and information generated by UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW Extension, and collaborating farmers.