

Registration Form

Meeting Location

Please Mail Registration and Payment to:
Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Finance and Budget Division
90 West Plato Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55107

Must be received by: **Friday, January 16, 2004**

*Registrations may be mailed or will be accepted at the door.
Meals are included in the registration fee, but not
guaranteed if you register after January 16.*

- | Pay By Jan. 16 | Pay After Jan. 16 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conf. (2 Day): \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Farm Partner \$70 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day only: \$75 (Fri or Sat) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (Fri or Sat) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Farm Partner \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| <i>Please circle which day you plan to attend.</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Students (2 Day): \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$55 |

*Payment can be made by check, money order, or inter-
agency payment (GFS PV2 transaction documentation).*

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following GFS PV2 Transaction #: _____*

(A refund will be given if written notice is
received by Friday, January 16, 2004.)

St. Cloud Civic Center
10 - 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 1-800-450-7272

Directions: From I-94, Exit 171 to Washington
Memorial Drive (Cty. Rd. 75). Right on Hwy. 23
(Division Street) for 1 mile to 4th Avenue.

Parking: Parking stalls are on the lower level, with a
second ramp across the street.

Hotels & Motels: Best Western Inn (Kelly Inn) -
Attached to the Civic Center, 320-253-0606. Request
rooms reserved for the Minnesota Organic Conference
- \$69.00 for one, \$75.00 for two, plus 12% tax. **Rooms
will be held until January 7, 2004.**

Trade Show and Pre-Conference Workshop

The Minnesota Organic and Grazing Conference Trade
Show will be in the Terry Haws Center of the St. Cloud
Civic Center. Contact Mary Hanks at 651-296-1277 for
exhibit or sponsor information.

**The conference will be preceded by a daylong
grazing workshop: The Organic Cow: Treatments &
Approaches to Keep Them Healthy,
Featuring Jerry Brunetti
on Thursday, January 22 at the Kelly Inn.**

**Contact Doug or Janet Gunnink at: 507-237-5162,
dgunnink@prairie.lakes.com for more information.**

Partners

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA Farm Service Agency
Organic Crop Improvement Association - MN Chapter
University of Minnesota - MISA
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association
Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Services
Midwest Organic Services Association
North Central Region SARE

Contact

Please contact Mary Hanks at: 651-296-1277,
fax: 651-297-7678, or e-mail: Mary.Hanks@state.mn.us

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Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management Program
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2004 Minnesota Organic and Grazing Conference and Trade Show



Friday and Saturday January 23-24, 2004

St. Cloud Civic Center
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Agenda January 23-24, 2004

The Minnesota Organic and Grazing Conference offers learning and networking opportunities for beginning, intermediate, and advanced graziers and organic farmers. Producers, researchers, educators, technical assistance providers, business owners, and food buyers will have plenty of time to talk and learn together. Enjoy!

Friday, January 23

- 8:00am** *Registration*
- 9:00am** **Welcome** - Jim Boerboom, Asst. Commissioner of Agriculture, and Bill Hunt, NRCS State Conservationist
- Keynote Speaker** - Ben Bartlett, Michigan State University Extension
- 10:15am** **Elementary My Dear Watson: Organics for Beginners** - Jeff Riesgraf, Lynn Brakke, and Greg Reynolds, Farmers
- Managing Pests in Organic Cropping Systems** - George Heimpel, U of M; Glen Borgerding, Ag Resource Consulting
- ABCs of Grazing: The Wonderful World of Grass** - Doug Gunnink, Graziers Supply
- Pasture CPR: How to Renovate a Pasture that Looks Beyond Hope** - Howard Moechnig, USDA/NRCS
- Organic Processing: Adding Even More Value** - Jim Riddle, Organic Independents
- Is Subscription Farming for You? Stories from CSA Farms** - Nett Hart, Webster Farm Organics; John Fisher-Merritt, The Food Farm
- 11:30am** **Lunch and Trade Show**
- 1:00pm** **Putting Pencil to Paper: Crafting an Organic Plan that Will Wow Your Certifier (2 hrs)** - George Kuepper, NCAT/ATTRA; Pam Riesgraf, OCIA
- Getting to the Core of Organic Fruit Production** - Frank Foltz (invited) and Paul Otten, Farmers
- Is Organic Dairying for Me?** - Dennis Johnson, U of M
- Homemade Natural Remedies for Farm Livestock (2 hrs)** - Jerry Brunetti, Agri-Dynamics

- 1:00pm** **Continued - The Bird's Eye View: Using NASA's Satellite Imaging Resources** - Noreen Thomas, IMAC
- Opening New Doors: Finding New Markets for You and Your Farm** - Katherine Martin, Aveda Corp.; Barth Anderson, Wedge Community Co-op; Jim Ennis, Midwest Food Alliance
- 2:15pm** **Black Gold: The Basics of Organic Composting** - Jeff Riesgraf, Farmer
- Working with Mother Nature: Grazing Sensitive Areas Safely** - Howard Moechnig, USDA/NRCS; Daniel Hall, SW MN K-Fence
- Growing Your Green: Financial Record Keeping Systems that Work** - Chris Barnier, USDA/FSA
- Postcards from the Edge: Nifty Ideas from Farms Around the World** - Ron Desens, Farmer; Jim Riddle, Organic Independents; Bud Markhart, U of M
- 3:15pm** **Break and Trade Show**
- 3:45pm** **Ask a Certifier** - Jim Riddle, Moderator; Brenda Rogers, MCIA; Dave Engel and Mary Wilson, MOSA; Jon Hapka, OCIA; Fred Ehlert, QAI
- Minnesota Organic Farmers Information Exchange: Growing a Network of Organic Farmer Mentors** - Emily Evans, U of M and mentors
- Selling What You Sow: The Organic Grain Marketplace** - Adam Sobieski, MN Shippers Assoc.; Bill Wilcke, U of M; Curt Petrich, Earthwise Foods LLC
- The Mind of the Beast: Understanding Animal Behavior and Instinct** - Ben Bartlett, MSU
- Federal Services and Programs Available to Graziers and Organic Farmers** - Mike McGrath, MN Project; Paul Flynn, NRCS; Laurie Fredricks, RMA; USDA Rural Development (invited)
- Poultry in Motion from Farm to Fork: On-farm Poultry Processing Techniques and Safety** - Jacquie Jacob, U of M; Lori Callister, Farmer

- 5:00pm** **Dinner on Your Own**
- 7:00pm** **Modern Day Human Health Issues** - Jerry Brunetti, Agri-Dynamics
- Who's Buying? Organic Milk Buyers Panel** - Jeremy Lancot, Moderator; Pride of Main Street; Greg Welsh, Organic Valley; Jule Taylor, Horizon Organic
- Organic Gardening: The Backyard Basics** - Bud Markhart, U of M; Nett Hart, Webster Farm Organics
- What's Cooking? Sneak a Peek at 2004's Hot Legislative Issues** - Paul Strandberg, MDA; Amy Fredregill, MN Assn. of Cooperatives (invited); Thom Petersen, MN Farmers Union; MN Farm Bureau (invited)

Saturday, January 24

- 8:30am** **Tips and Tricks: Organic Record Keeping** - Jeremy Dobson, Organic Inspector; Joyce Ford, Organic Independents
- The Science of Organic: U of M Research** - Hans Kandel, U of M Extension; Matt Harbur, U of M; Paul Porter, U of M
- Thinking Outside the Crate: Strategies in Alternative Pork Production** - Wayne Martin, U of M; Warren Roberts and Dave Serfling, Farmers
- Bundle up Your Bovines: How to Winter Livestock Outside (Even in Minnesota)** - Joe Molitor and Don Struxness, Farmers
- Organic Pasture Production** - George Kuepper, NCAT/ATTRA
- How Grass-fed Benefits Taste and Nutritional Quality of Meat, Milk, and Eggs** - Mary Jo Forbord, SFA; Jerry Crawford, AURI
- 9:30am** **Break and Trade Show**
- 10:00am** **Ka-Chiinggg! The Economics of Grazing** - Margot Rudstrom, U of M; Roger Imdieke, Farmer
- Good-for-You Plants: Medicinal and Cosmetic Herb Production** - Craig Hassel, U of M Extension; Tim Kapsner, Aveda Corp.; Renne Soberg, Farmer

- 10:00am** **Continued - Plants Out of Place: Swap and Share Weed Management Strategies (2 hrs)** - Nick Jordan, U of M; Glen Borgerding, Ag Resources Consulting
- The L-M-N-O-P's of Grazing: Beyond the Basics (2 hrs)** - Ben Bartlett, MSU
- Running Your Enterprise Like a Business: A Hands-on Session About Business Planning (2 hrs)** - Gigi DiGiacomo, Consultant
- Natural and Organic Meats: Opportunities in a Growing Market (2 hrs)** - Paul Sand, MDA; John Jaska, Wedge Co-op; Randy Wallerich, Organic Valley; Sylvia Oliveira, Bon Appetit; Audrey Arner and Richard Handeen, Farmers
- 11:15am** **Organic Under Glass: Extend Your Season with Greenhouse Production** - Chris Blanchard, Farmer
- Livestock Smorgasbords: Design Your Own Pasture Mixes** - Paul Peterson, U of M
- 12:15pm** **Lunch and Trade Show**
- 2:00pm** **From the Very Beginning: Sourcing (and Producing) Organic Seed** - Albert Lea Seed House; George Kuepper, NCAT/ATTRA; Greg Reynolds, Farmer
- From the Two-step to the Waltz: Extended Crop Rotations for Organic Systems** - Jim Riddle, Organic Independents
- Small Ruminants for Smaller Acreages** - Wendy Lange and Janet McNally, Farmers
- Out to Pasture: Breeding and Selecting a Better Grazing Animal** - Brad Heins, U of M; Luverne Forbord, Farmer
- You Don't Need a Lab Coat: Research Methods for Your Farm** - Jim Stordahl, U of M Extension; Paul Porter, U of M
- Person to Person: Honing Your Sales and Marketing Skills** - Katy Young, St. Peter Food Co-op; Julie Bloor, SFA; Jean Andreasen, Midwest Food Alliance
- 3:15pm** **Plenary Session** - Sylvia Oliveira, Bon Appetit