

Growing the Organic Research Portfolio: A Look at the Integrated Organic Program

Integrated Organic Program Pre-Conference
USDA and OFRF role in the First 20 Years of National SARE
Kansas City MO

Objectives:

- To highlight the findings, outcomes and success stories from the Integrated Organic Program's first five years of projects.
- To showcase the role of the Regional SARE and Organic Farming Research Foundation research programs in piloting earlier projects and facilitating the development of more organic research, education and outreach activities across the US.
- Initiate discussion on future research, education and outreach needs of the organic community.

Intended Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of the breadth and scope of Integrated Organic Projects from a variety of Universities with finalized and newly funded projects.
- Networking among project directors and important stakeholders to further improve the effectiveness of coordination and dissemination of information within the organic sector, with sharing of ideas on innovative delivery methods.
- A better understanding of how OFRF, SARE and IOP can target and implement their funding programs to provide the most coordination and cost effective provision of new research, curriculum and technical assistance.

Partners and Participants:

- Project Directors from Past and Current Integrated Organic Program grants
- OFRF Research and Outreach Staff
- USDA-CSREES Organic, Integrated Program and SARE Staff
- SARE Regional Leadership
- Interested Stakeholders from the Broader National SARE Attendees

Overall, this is intended to be a networking, reporting and outreach program. Anyone interested in the cutting edge of Organic programs being funded and implemented throughout the US will be welcome to join us, get involved in the discussion and network.

Preliminary Agenda
Monday, March 24- Tuesday, March 25

Monday Evening Poster Reception, 6-8 pm

Introductions-Tom Bewick and Dawn Thilmany

Project Directors

Poster Presenters (those not PDs but representing projects)

Special Guests

Those Interested Coordinate for Dinner on their Own

Tuesday Presentations and Roundtable Discussions, 8:30 am-11:30 am

Breakfast available from 7-8:30 am, remains set up for 1st hour of presentations

8:30 Welcome and Expected Outcome of the Pre-Conference –Dawn Thilmany

OFRF Representative-The OFRF Perspective

Tom Bewick-The Integrated Organic Program's First 5 Years

9:00 Project Updates from the First Years of the Integrated Organic Program

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10:15 Break

10:30 Establishing an Integrated Program/Project –

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