



ORGANIC FARMING

What We've Learned

Meet new friends and neighbors at our OCIA Annual Meeting
February 10th, 2016 – Holiday Inn Bloomington, Minnesota

Registration

Please pre- register (for headcount purposes) by contacting Angie Tunink at 402-477-2323 or by email at atunink@ocia.org. Payment will be taken at the door.

Rate:
\$50.00 per person

Hotel Address:
Holiday Inn Bloomington
Airport South
1201 W 94th Street
Bloomington, MN 55431

OCIA Mission:
As providers and consumers of certified organic production, we are committed to environmentally sound stewardship.



Day's Agenda

- 10:00** OFRF Survey Results – Meg Moynihan, Board Chair of the Organic Farming Research Foundation presents an overview of survey results recently received detailing organic farmer's research and information needs.
- 11:00** Our Most Important Crop – Bart Hall, P.Ag., former OCIA President, discusses the importance of cultivating new generations of producers, consumers and agricultural leaders.
- Noon** Lunch - Organic 'South of the Border' buffet
- 1:00 – 5:00** Mini Trade show and Networking
- 1:30** Certification 101 – Lorri Ann Hartel, OCIA Minnesota Chapter Administrator, and DeEtta Bilek, former OCIA International Board Member, distinguish what sets OCIA apart from other certifiers and offer an informative Q&A with an inspector.
- 2:15** Organic Matter Matters – Ib Hagsten, organic inspector, discusses how soil health improves the health of the crop, which in turn feeds healthy people.
- 3:15** Thinking Like an Owner – Bart Hall, P.Ag. demonstrates how small changes in management approach can make a farm a lot more profitable.
- 4:15** Organic is a Marketing Decision – Bart Hall, P.Ag. explains how crop improvement is one thing and certification is another. A discussion of the agronomy all farmers ought to be applying and how certification can help make it even more profitable.
- 5:15** Weed Control on Organic Farms – Daryl Hinderman, Board Chair of OCIA Research and Education, discusses what he's learned about managing weeds on organic farms.

This special \$50 rate provides entrance to the workshops listed above, mini trade show and one lunch buffet only. If you would like entrance to the OCIA AGMM proceedings, please go to the registration table and inquire about daily voting and non-voting rates.

