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Organic Eye recognizes OCIA as Certifier Upholding the Highest Ethical Standards

Take Back the Organic Farming Movement Switch to Certifiers That Protect Family Farms and Share Our Values



Certifiers Upholding the Highest Ethical Standards

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Partnering with corporate lobbyists and the USDA: hydroponics, livestock factories, imports, conflicts of interest, etc.

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*  OTA Certifier-Member



This guide will be continually updated as more information becomes available at OrganicEye.org.
If you are a farmer or business certified by one of the unranked organizations,
please encourage them to contact [OrganicEye](https://OrganicEye.org) to transparently share their policies.





President's Message

Hello everyone! In an effort to reduce cost and increase efficiency, we will be starting a new semi-annual format to our newsletter. I will begin by reviewing OCIA's activities for the past six months from a board perspective.

First of all, I want to thank everyone who participated in February's Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM) held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We had fifteen people attend in person and at least twice that many who participated on-line. OCIA's annual budget was presented and approved, officers and board members elected, and by-laws updated. Due to the growing trend of on-line participation, future AGMM's will most likely be a 100% virtual. We will keep you posted on the 2026 AGMM as the year progresses.

As in the past, I want to thank our Executive Director, Amanda Brewster and her staff for their efforts to promote our organization. Some of the shows that have been or will be attended are as follows: Fancy Foods Show, Marbleseed Conference, Great Plains Conference, Minnesota Organic Conference, Expo West, Specialty Coffee Expo, Newtopia Now, and Global Organic Produce Expo.

Also, OCIA has received word that federal funding for the Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) is being maintained. This is a huge relief as TOPP has been an important source of funds for covering trade show attendance costs, funding farm start programs, and helping with staff expenses. Without TOPP OCIA could not afford the marketing that has been taking place. The federally funded TOPP program is scheduled to end at the end of 2026.

OCIA's staff and board are always looking at the structure of our organization and where time and money are being spent. One area of concern we would like to address are vegetable and greenhouse fees. Currently OCIA charges farmers by the acre but we are considering making a change for vegetable and greenhouse operators. Whereas a typical farmer may grow three or four crops, a vegetable grower may have 30 or 40 different crops and apply many different inputs. The time and effort of reviewing such operations does not cover OCIA's expenses. Instead of an acreage fee we are considering charging vegetable and greenhouse farms a fee based on sales instead. Our goal is to create a fee system that is fair and equitable for all. The board would like to address this issue at next year's AGMM and we are asking for input. If this issue pertains to your operation, please reach out to us now with your concerns or ideas.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who certify through OCIA. Being a conventional farmer or processor alone is fraught with many tasks and challenges. Adding organic certification to your operation goes an extra step and helps differentiate your final product. OCIA is considered a legacy certifier whose reputation is trusted and admired by many in the organic industry. I truly believe OCIA can make transitioning to or maintaining organic certification viable for your farm or processing facility and provide credibility to agricultural products that consumers deserve and can have faith in.

CHRIS JAWORSKI
OCIA INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT



Executive Director's Message

Greetings OCIA International Membership!

We are in full swing of the 2025 inspection season! If your inspection has not yet occurred, it is likely just around the corner. We continue to receive files and are working diligently to coordinate inspections as efficiently as possible. Cindy does an outstanding job in helping to keep inspection costs as low as possible—we appreciate her dedication.

Following your valuable feedback throughout 2024, we took a close look at our internal processes for Pre-Inspection Reviews, Final Reviews, and inspection reporting. Our goal is to clearly and consistently communicate regulatory requirements to operators. You may already notice updates reflected in your Pre-Inspection Review letters.

In addition, the OCIA Management Team has been working with a consultant to streamline our Final Review process. As we near completion of this project, we will be providing training to our team to implement these improvements. I am excited about the changes and look forward to hearing your feedback as they roll out.

As a reminder, noncompliances are a normal part of the organic certification process. They are not intended to be punitive or overly critical, but rather are required by Organic Regulations. Operators are expected to respond to noncompliance notices promptly and thoroughly, so that OCIA can fulfill its responsibilities to our accrediting bodies.

We also encourage you to seek support and insights from fellow chapter members and certified organic farmers. As your certifier, OCIA is prohibited from offering consulting services or providing technical advice on how to correct specific noncompliances. If issues are not addressed adequately, OCIA is required to proceed with the next steps in the compliance process, which may include proposed suspension or other adverse actions. Timely and complete responses help avoid these outcomes. I encourage you to contact our team for any assistance we are permitted to provide.

Be sure to visit our website at www.ocia.org for information about upcoming events, including trade shows and local farm tours. If you're hosting a farm tour, please let us know so we can help spread the word by listing it on our site.

OCIA International is committed to supporting our certified operators with high-quality service and clear communication. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a safe and successful summer,

AMANDA BREWSTER
OCIA INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Treasurer's Message

Hello members,

The drought in Northeast Nebraska has finally been broken, I have received about 1.5 inches the past week! My first crop of alfalfa is baled, and soybeans are off to a good start. The wheat really greened up after the rain.

Total income is currently up at almost \$28,000 over the year ago levels. Contributing to this increase are both other operator fees and other income. Both items are up 40% this fiscal year.

Accounts receivables are higher than at this time last year. Deana is diligently working to collect the accounts that are 90 days and older.

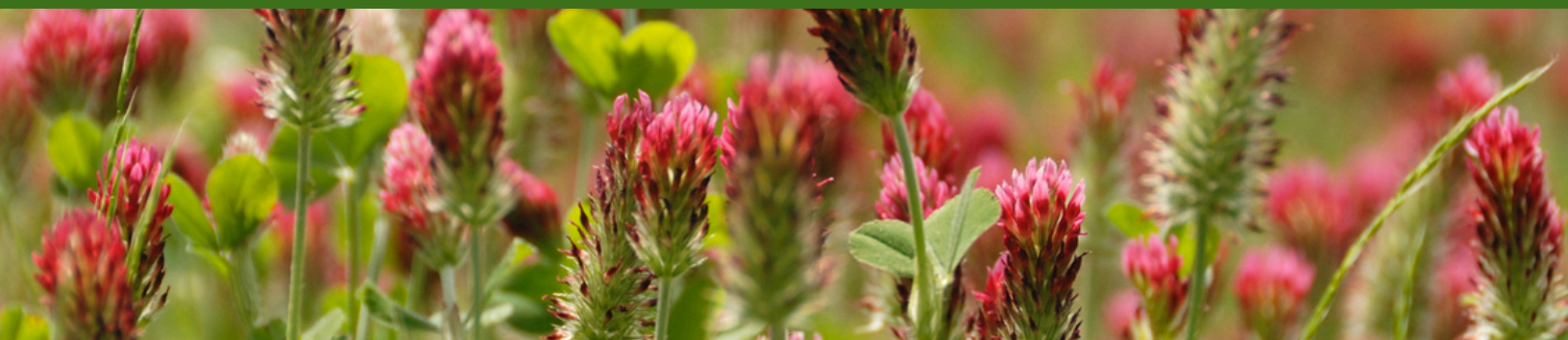
The expense side of the ledger only has two accounts running ahead of last year. Those accounts are accreditation and government relations expenses and secondary testing. They respectively are up \$3300 and \$19,000 over last year.

I hope everyone gets timely rainfall this summer and produces a bountiful harvest for all.

RANDY MOSEL
OCIA INTERNATIONAL
TREASURER

TRANSITION TO ORGANIC

Farm Tour & Info Session



August 2, 2025 at Geiger Farm
2020 Raccoon Rd, Robinson, KS

**Scan to
register**



**Join us at Geiger Farm for an
engaging tour and insightful
presentations from seasoned
experts in the organic industry.**

Or visit
<https://ocia.org/event/transition-to-organic-farm-tour/>
to register



PLAINS
TRANSITION TO ORGANIC
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Plains Transition to Organic Partnership Program (Plains TOPP) provides support for transitioning and organic farmers in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

Transition to Organic Workshop in Manhattan, Kansas



The Transition to Organic Workshop, held on March 20, 2025, brought together farmers, organic production experts, and organic certification specialists to explore the process and benefits of transitioning to organic farming. The event provided a platform for knowledge sharing, hands-on learning, and networking opportunities for both experienced and aspiring organic farmers.

Event Highlights

The workshop began at 9:00 AM with a welcome address by Jack Geiger, setting the stage for the day's discussions. He then led a Virtual Farm Tour, providing attendees with a firsthand look at his organic farming operation. The tour showcased his practices for organic production and shared his journey with organic farming. Nate Powell-Palm delivered an inspiring presentation on The Power of Organics & Getting Young People Back to the Farm. He emphasized the importance of organic farming in improving soil health, reducing dependency on synthetic chemicals, and attracting younger generations to sustainable agriculture.

Representatives of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas presented on the Organic Transition Initiative and NRCS funding and programs available to both organic and transitioning producers.

Following lunch, Jack Geiger led a session on Weed Management in Row Crops. This discussion covered weed control strategies that align with organic standards. Chelsea Priess then provided a detailed overview of the Organic Certification Process.

The afternoon sessions focused on making organic transition more efficient. Nate Powell-Palm returned in the afternoon to discuss Streamlining Your Organic Transition, sharing strategies to ease the conversion period. Organic Consultant, Connie Karr covered Making Organic Simple, Working with Consultants, and Selling Your Crops, offering insights into effective marketing and business development for organic farmers.

The workshop concluded with a Farmer Panel, featuring experienced organic and transitioning farmers who shared their journeys, challenges, and successes. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, gain practical advice, and build connections within the organic farming community.





Key Takeaways

Organic farming is a viable option. Experts and farmers provided evidence of improved soil health, and long-term sustainability.

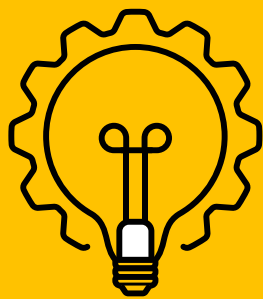
Education and mentorship are critical for successful transitions. The importance of workshops, consultants, and peer support was emphasized throughout the event. Mentor Jack Geiger noted that he always learns something from his mentees as well.

Certification is a structured but achievable process. Farmers were guided through the requirements and steps necessary for organic certification.

Market demand for organic products continues to grow. The discussions highlighted opportunities for organic farmers to connect with buyers and expand their reach.

The Transition to Organic Workshop was a great success, equipping farmers with knowledge and resources on transitioning to organic farming. With a combination of expert guidance, real-world experience, and interactive discussions, the event reinforced the benefits and feasibility of organic agriculture. The engagement and enthusiasm of attendees demonstrated a strong commitment and a growing interest in organic farming.

For those interested in beginning or continuing their journey towards organic farming, additional resources and registration for future workshops can be found at <https://ocia.org/plains-topp/>.

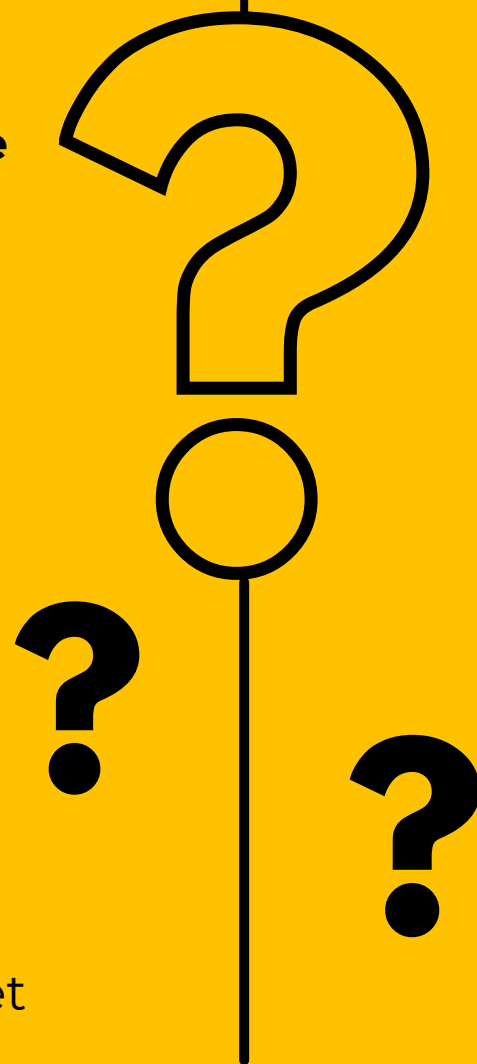


DID YOU KNOW?



OCIA provides Technical Assistance to farmers undergoing the transition process? If you are a transitioning farmer located in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, or Colorado, we are here to support you.

- Work 1:1 with a provider to develop your organic system plan
- Learn how to create and maintain a successful recordkeeping system
- Help with preparing for your first inspection
- Understand how your operation can meet the organic regulations



OCIA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION UPDATES



OCIA Research and Education Mission

The mission of OCIA Research and Education (R&E) is to support farmer driven research, on farm and at research institutions, including exploratory and demonstration projects. We facilitate connections between farmers, researchers, consumers and decision-makers. We also educate organic producers along with local and global communities regarding organic farming and foods. As funds are available, OCIA R&E supports organic farming research and education projects and initiatives through scholarships and grants.

Producer Survey

To help us prepare educational material and programming for the year, we want to hear from you!

Please take a moment to answer the following questions:

- 1.What kind of research do you do on your farm?
- 2.What type of research are you looking for to help you with organic farming?

Please send responses to Sarah Diamond (ocia04.re@gmail.com).

Board Member Vacancy

Currently, there is a board member vacancy for OCIA Research and Education.

If you are interested in learning more about this 3-year term, please contact Sarah Diamond (ocia04.re@gmail.com).



Microgrants

Due to funding restraints, there were no grant awards made in 2024 and spring 2025. Please stay tuned for grant opportunities for the fall 2025 term.

The micro grants (up to \$3,000) are offered for research or education and are determined on a case-by-case basis. Research and educational projects must pertain to organic agriculture. Projects are encouraged in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Latin America, and Japan. Funding is not available for equipment, infrastructure (machinery, buildings), labor costs, or community gardens. Applications are reviewed every March 15 and November 15 by the OCIA Research and Education Board of Directors.

Scholarships

Due to funding restraints, there were no scholarship awards made in 2024 and spring 2025. Please stay tuned for scholarship opportunities for the fall 2025 term.

To encourage study and research in the area of organic agriculture, OCIA Research and Education awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduate student studying organic and sustainable agriculture.

Upcoming Webinar Series

OCIA R&E is working on putting together a webinar series beginning in 2025. Some sample topics include soil health, regenerative agriculture, organic systems for livestock, grazing management, biodiversity, and wildlife management.

Stay tuned for more information.

Please contact Sarah Diamond (ocia04.re@gmail.com) if you have topic suggestions.

Communication Updates

If you are interested in learning more about upcoming webinars and opportunities, please follow the OCIA Research and Education Facebook page or contact Sarah Diamond (ocia04.re@gmail.com) with questions.





MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Transition to Organic Partnership Program

In 2022, the USDA announced plans to invest up to \$100 Million to build partnership networks in six regions across the United States. The Plains Transition to Organic Partnership Program (Plains TOPP) is a coalition of organizations providing technical assistance and wrap-around support for transitioning and existing farmers.

The goal of TOPP is to make the transition from conventional farming to organic farming easier and more accessible. To that end, a robust mentorship has been developed. The mentorship program will:

- Connect transitioning operators with an experienced organic operator who will provide guidance throughout the transition process
- Mentors will receive training, guidance, and support to ensure a successful relationship
- Transitioning operators will set goals with mentors, and mentors will actively assist transitioning operators in working towards their goals

Mentors Will:

- Receive training prior to beginning mentorship
- Have at least 4 years experience with organic production and certification
- Understand organic rules and certification requirements
- Meet with mentee at least 45 hours/ year
- Communicate challenges and benefits of organic certification to mentees

For more information, or to become a mentor or mentee, visit www.ocia.org/plains-topp, or email Brandon Hill at bhill@ocia.org.

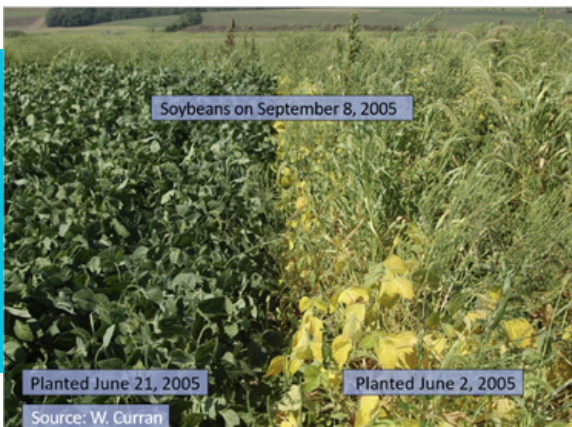
The Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day Comes to Iowa!

A FULL DAY OF IN-FIELD WEEDING TOOL DEMONSTRATIONS, TRADE SHOW, AND CULTIVATION EDUCATION FOR BOTH ROW CROPS AND SPECIALTY CROPS

Managing weeds can be the top challenge for organic farmers. Whereas conventional farmers have the big hammer of herbicides, organic farmers need to use many different tools to manage weeds. Cutting edge weeding implements are helpful, but so is planning.

Crop rotation plays such an important role in organics, partly because it can be designed to control weeds. Different cash crops, cover crops, and tillage can be planned to target particular weeds. The better you understand your problem weed species, the better you can choose practices to target that weed. For example, if perennial weeds like thistles are a problem, usually a few shallow cultivations in-season while a cash crop is growing is not enough for real control. Perennial weeds have very developed root systems from which they can regrow, and these roots often spread out laterally at a depth of 4-8". This means that a more vigorous full-width tillage at a ~8" depth is needed to really set those roots back. When is the best time for tillage targeting perennial weeds? Well, the weakest point in their life cycle is late spring/early summer when they have 3-5 true leaves. This is when they have depleted most of their energy reserves in surviving the winter and growing their first solar panels (leaves) of the season. A fallow period in the late spring lasting 2-4 weeks that allows you to till perennial weeds several times will really help set them back. Another option is mowing. Research shows that a full season in a mowed forage crop has the same killing effect on thistle as a fallow period.

For annual weeds, timing is crucial. What are your top 3 weed species? And when do they tend to germinate? Many farmers have problems with foxtail, because it often germinates along with soybeans. If you can plant soybeans before foxtail emergence then your crop can outcompete the tiny foxtail seedlings when they emerge later. Or, if you can hold off on planting until the first flush of foxtail has emerged, and fit in a shallow tillage pass just before planting, then you can kill most of the foxtail with full-width tillage and your soybeans will have much less weed competition. See the photo below to see the powerful effect of matching your planting time to NOT coincide with the germination of your top problem weed. You can see that the beans planted in early June, when foxtail was in peak germination, are not clean. Whereas the beans planted in later June, after peak foxtail emergence, are much cleaner. Choosing the type and timing of tillage for perennial weeds, and timing planting to avoid annual weeds, are just two of the infinite examples of how farmers can use knowledge as a tool in weed management.



IMPROVING WEED CONTROL IN CORN & SOY

Source: W. Curran

Once the crop is planted, weed control can begin immediately - with a preemergence blind harrowing, using a tine weeder or rotary hoe. For in-season weed control while the cash crop is growing, timing is crucial - you want to be killing weeds when they are small, ideally when they do not yet have one true-leaf. Once a weed has a true-leaf the game has changed - they can now make sugar from sunlight. And if you bury them or uproot them they may grow back. For this reason cultivating early and often is a good rule of thumb, especially because you never know when rain or wet soil might lock you out of fields. In order to kill weeds when they are young, it can be helpful to use tooling (sweeps, etc.) that can run shallowly (less than 2"). Running your tooling shallow helps with many things, in my opinion. You can: get in fields when they are wetter (the top level of soil dries out first); cultivate crops when they are very young (shallow-running tools move less soil that could bury your tender crops); reduce the root-pruning that cultivation does to crops; reduce the water that will evaporate from your soil (stirring soil more deeply causes water to evaporate from deeper layers). Additionally, because weeds generally will not germinate when they are buried below 2", if you cultivate deeper than 2" you are bringing up weed seeds to germinate with your crop that otherwise would have stayed dormant in the soil. See the chart below for an idea of a cultivation sequence that follows your crop's growth.

Corn - cultivation sequence Here is a sample cultivation progression for corn:

Action	Timing / Crop growth stage	Note
Stale seedbed pass	7-10 days before planting	Try to only cultivate the top 2" Germination Zone so you don't bring up new weed seeds
Pre-emergence tine weeder or rotary hoe pass	2-3 days after planting, just before crop emergence	Good observation is needed to get the timing right - can lay a piece of glass or plastic on your field - it will make the weeds under it germinate early - when there are newly germinated weeds under the glass it is time for the pre-emergence pass. Tine weeder is best for pre-emergence passes.
Post-emergence rotary hoe	3-4 days after emergence, spike stage	Be very careful not to injure delicate plants at this stage
Between-row cultivator, sweeps/knives only, tine weeding or rotary hoeing possible	15-21 days after planting	Run tools shallowly for minimal soil movement into the crop row (don't bury your crop)
Between-row cultivator with finger weeders	21-28 days after planting	
Between-row cultivator with finger weeders and hilling	28-40 days after planting	Hilling aggressively on final pass before canopy closure - can use hilling discs here or aggressive sweeps

During midday in full sun corn stalks are more flexible and be less susceptible to break - best time for tine weeding and rotary hoeing.

Source: Weed Management and Cultivation Handbook, Cropline Equipment

IMPROVING WEED CONTROL IN CORN & SOY

Source: Weed Management and Cultivation Handbook, Cropline Equipment

In recent years there has been A LOT of improvement in weeding tools. Finger weeders can reach into the crop row to remove weeds, camera-guided toolbars allow row crop farmers to get closer to the row and drive faster, tractor RTK lets farmers pull old cultivators out of the fence-row and get decent accuracy, European-style sweeps allow farmers to kill weeds shallowly, autonomous robots can weed day and night, new tine weeders offer precise control, and weed zappers can kill weeds that have grown taller than beans.

But it can be hard for farmers to understand which tool will work for them, and to learn how to adjust them to meet crop, field, and weed conditions. Just seeing implements on a carpeted trade-show floor doesn't help much. But this year Iowa farmers can attend the Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day, in Ames Iowa on August 20th. This field day is THE place to see weeding tools of all scales demonstrated in the field. Farmers can attend and learn from company reps and farmers from around the region. This is a full day of weeding machinery. At the morning trade show farmers will see weeding tools and speak with company reps from manufacturers in the US, Europe, and Japan, and meet the farmers in attendance from all over the region. They can also visit the trade show booths of other ag supply companies, like seed and fertilizer dealers.

Later in the morning are the education sessions. A committee of Iowa farmers chose the topics they wanted to learn about. This year's ed sessions focus on stale seedbedding, and Cultivation 101 - for row crop growers wanting to start or improve their mechanical weeding. A walk-behind tractor exhibition, 'Walk-Behind Alley', features demonstrations of walk behind tractors and hand tools for vegetable farmers.

In the afternoon after lunch we'll follow the tractors out to the demonstration field, where corn, beets, and brassicas have been planted especially for the demonstrations. The field demos are the heart of this event. These demonstrations will show how the machines should be mounted and properly adjusted according to crop and soil conditions, and will help farmers visualize how the implements can work on their own farms.



THE MIDWEST MECHANICAL WEED CONTROL FIELD DAY COMES TO IOWA!

Row crop implements in demonstration include precision-controlled tine-weeders, several types of camera-guided cultivators with finger weeders and all manner of sweeps and knives. Demonstrations will be held in 4" corn. Row crop manufacturers attending include: Buffalo/Henke, Treffler, Garford, Bayshore Sales (Hatzenbichler), T&H Cultivators, and Unverferth.

Vegetable weeding tools include cultivating tractors past and present, a variety of belly mounted and rear-mounted steerable tools, autonomous robots, and cultivators from Japan! Vegetable manufacturers include Tilmor, Small Farm Works, BCS, Johnny's, and Farm_NG.

This event is perfect for farmers and ag advisors who want to see a particular weeding tool before buying it, learn how to adjust cultivators, see what is new in cultivation, or learn from other farmers. Come see the present and future of mechanical weed control!

When: Wednesday, August 20th, 2025

Where: Iowa State University's Horticulture Research Station, 55519 170th Street, Ames, IA 50010

How Much: \$85 (includes lunch)

Register online at: <https://thelandconnection.regfox.com/2025-midwest-mechanical-weed-control-field-day>

*Walk-in registration will be available, but lunch and conference amenities are not guaranteed.

Field Day webpage: <https://www.thelandconnection.org/event/2025-mmwcfd/>



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A man with a beard and tattoos, wearing a white t-shirt and khaki pants, is working in a field. He is wearing green and white gloves and is looking at a red smartphone held by a woman. The woman has blonde hair in a ponytail and is wearing a blue shirt and jeans. They are both looking down at the phone. The background shows a field of green plants under a bright sky.

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