

## **Introduction**

OCIA Chapter 1 of Iowa is recognized as both the oldest and largest chapter in the state. Our membership consists primarily of organic farmers who are committed to advancing organic agriculture in Iowa.

## **Mission and Support**

The chapter's mission is to provide assistance and guidance to its members seeking certification for organic programs. We achieve this through several initiatives, including a mentoring program for new organic farmers. Additionally, we facilitate networking opportunities with our many experienced members, who possess expertise in various aspects of organic farming such as row crops, livestock, vegetables, handling, and processing.

## **Member Support and Contact**

Our point of contact is it's President, Scott Shriver (515-370-0036 or [shrivervfarms@gmail.com](mailto:shrivervfarms@gmail.com)), who can connect you with a member experienced in your specific area of need. This ensures personalized support and maximizes the value of our network for every member.

## **Educational Opportunities**

Each year, we organize and sponsor educational field days focused on organic practices, hosted on member farms. These events provide practical learning experiences and foster a collaborative environment among organic farmers.

## **Annual Meeting and Membership**

We hold an annual business meeting where lunch is provided. This gathering offers valuable networking opportunities and facilitates meaningful discussions among members. The annual dues for the Chapter are \$35 and are payable in April each year.