

REGISTRATION FORM

First, Last Name

Farm/Business Name

Street Address

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Number of registrations,

2-day Conf., postmark before Jan 12, \$70 each

2-day Conf., postmark Jan 12-21, \$90 each

Thursday eve discussion (limited) \$18

Total amount enclosed

Full names of additional attendees:

Mail this form and a check made to **University of Wisconsin**, postmarked no later than January 21, to:
UW Plant Pathology, 1630 Linden Drive,
Madison, WI 53706

OR register online at
ograin.cals.wisc.edu/ograin-winter-conference
Questions? Contact Harriet Behar,
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Event Facility

The OGRAIN Winter Conference will be downtown on the second floor of the UW-Madison Gordon Dining and Event Center, 770 W Dayton St, Madison, Wis. 50715.

There are a diversity of **hotels** available in Madison, to find one that suits you visit <https://kb.wisc.edu/page.php?id=25794>

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2019 Organic Grain Winter Conference

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
January 24-26, 2019

UW Madison

Expert farmers, researchers and industry representatives will share knowledge about organic grain production. This year features a special emphasis on organic no-till and reduced tillage techniques.

For beginning and experienced organic growers, as well as those considering transition to organic

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Conference Schedule

Thursday January 24, 2019

5:30-9:00 **Managing Organic Reduced Tillage Systems**, discussion at Brocach Bar, 7 W. Main St., 2nd floor

Friday January 25, 2019

7:30 AM Registration and light breakfast

8:00-8:15 Welcome, Erin Silva, OGRAIN

8:15-9:15 **KEYNOTE: Future Agricultural Systems and Soil Health**

9:15-10:30 **Understanding Biology of Soils**

10:45-12:00 **Organic No-till: Starting Out Right**

12:00-1:00 Lunch

12:30 Exhibit Hall opens

1:00-2:00 *Choose one workshop*

Organic No-till: Planting, Mulching, Termination Building Climate Change Resiliency

2:15-3:30 *Choose one workshop*

Organic No-till: What Have We Learned? Strategies for Organic Crop Transition

4:00-5:15 *Choose one workshop*

New Equipment Technologies Organic Certification Basics

5:15-6:30 Reception: snacks, cash bar, sponsor table visits
Supper on your own, a list of nearby restaurants will be available

Saturday January 26, 2019

7:30 AM Light breakfast, Exhibit Hall open

8:00-9:00 **Organic Crop Rotations**

9:15-10:15 *Choose one workshop*

Marketing Organic Grains and Row Crops Choosing the Right Varietal Traits for Organic

10:30-11:30 *Choose one workshop*

Turning Grain into Dough - Farm Finances Managing Diseases and Mycotoxins

11:30-12:15 **KEYNOTE: Values Oriented Decision Making**

12:15-1:15 Lunch and sponsor table visits

1:15-2:30 **Reduced Tillage Weed Management**

2:45-4:00 **Incorporating Cover Crops**

4:00 Wrap up and evaluation

Workshops & Speakers

FRIDAY

8:15-9:15 **KEYNOTE Future Agricultural Systems and Soil Health** *Jeff Moyer, Executive Director of Rodale Institute*

9:15-10:30 **Understanding the Biological Component of Healthy Soils**, *Rick Lankau, Assistant Professor and Teal Potter, Graduate Student, UW-Madison Plant Pathology*, discuss how improvement of soil fungal and bacterial balance through manures and plant inputs can lessen plant disease and increase crop quality and yields.

10:45-12:00 **Organic No-till: Starting Out Right**, *Jeff Moyer, Rodale Institute and Erin Silva, UW-Madison* explain setting up successful no-till, including incorporating into crop rotation, soil preparation and fertility considerations.

1:00-2:00 **Organic No-till: Planting, Mulching, Termination** *Jeff Moyer, Rodale Institute and Erin Silva, UW-Madison* discuss types and planting of appropriate cash crops, variety and methods of mulch crop planting and use of the roller/crimper and other termination methods.

1:00-2:00 **Building Climate Change Resiliency**, *Chris Kucharik, Professor of Agronomy, UW-Madison* provides historical data and future projections for the Midwestern climate and ideas for protection of soil and water quality in changing times.

2:15-3:30 **Organic No-till: What Have We Learned From Research and Farms?** *Jeff Moyer, Rodale Institute, Erin Silva, UW-Madison, Will Glazik, IDEA Network, with farmers Mark Klinski, Bob Mierau and Megan Wallendal* discuss successes and challenges and answer your questions.

2:15-3:30 **Strategies for Organic Crop Transition**, *Moderator Michael O'Donnell, (Purdue Extension) with farmers Jon Jovaag, Joel Layman, and Dan Coffman* discuss their approaches to a successful organic transition as well as what they wished they knew before they started.

4:00-5:15 **New Equipment Technologies**, *Joe Bassett, Underground Agriculture, Sam Tilton, KULT-Kress, and Brian Luck, UW-Madison* showcase new equipment designed to meet the needs of organic producers.

4:00-5:15 **Organic Certification Basics**, *Harriet Behar, chair of the National Organic Standards Board* will give you an understanding of the USDA organic regulations and simple yet practical systems for tracking activities.

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00 **Organic Crop Rotations**, *Joel Gruver, Western Illinois University and Gary Zimmer, Otter Creek Organic Farm* discuss numerous approaches for developing diverse crop options responsive to your farm's needs.

9:15-10:15 **Marketing Organic Grains and Row Crops**, *Mike Schulist, National Farmers, Ryan Koory, Mercaris and Ken Dallmier, Clarkson Grain* discuss working with a grain buyer, broker, and/or marketing co-op, as well as thoughts on the future of organic grain prices and markets.

9:15-10:15 **Choosing the Right Varietal Traits for Organic Grains**, *Mac Ehrhardt, Albert Lea Seeds* explores how specific seed traits can increase yields and quality and bring better prices.

10:30-11:30 **Turning Grain into Dough - Farm Finances**, *Paul Dietmann, Compeer Financial and organic farmer Jim Munsch* share their new OGRAIN organic grain financial planning tool developed to help organic Midwest grain producers understand the implications of different costs and yields.

10:30-11:30 **Management of Diseases and Mycotoxins in Organic Grain Crop Rotations** *Gary Bergstrom of Cornell University* will evaluate cultural and biological control strategies for corn, cereal grains and oilseed pathogenic diseases.

11:30-12:15 **KEYNOTE Values Oriented Decision Making: Improving Every Year Based on Past Decisions** *Iowa organic farmer Tom Prantzen*

1:15-2:30 **Integrating Multiple Tactics to Manage Weeds in Reduced-tillage Organic Grain Systems**, *John Wallace, Penn State Weed Ecologist* explores organic weed management approaches, including management of soil conditions and composition and understanding weed ecology as well as special issues caused by reduced tillage strategies.



2:45-4:00 **Incorporating Cover Crops Before, During and After Cash Crops**, *Gary Zimmer, Otter Creek Farm and Megan Wallendal* will discuss using many types and methods of cover crops throughout the rotation and the year.