

Key Note Speakers

Jim Wedeberg—In 1988, Jim Wedeberg of Wedeberg Farm in Genoa, Wisconsin was one of seven farmers who helped found CROPP Cooperative in Wisconsin, and became the fledgling cooperative's first dairy member. For more than 30 years, Jim has farmed and been a leader in the farming community, first in the upper Midwest, and then across the country. In fact, Jim might have recruited more farmers to organic than any other farmer. A straight talker, he directly addresses farmers' concerns and helps others see how becoming part of a farmer-owned cooperative business can provide economic stability, support, and sense of togetherness. He also has shown a strong commitment to the next generation of organic farmers, transitioning his own dairy farm to his eldest son John in 1998, and today, his other son Jake also has a stake in the farm.



Ulf Kintzel—Ulf Kintzel was born and raised in East Germany during communism. After attending school, he did a two-year apprenticeship to become a shepherd. He then worked as a shepherd at a sheep farm until the wall came down in 1989. Shortly thereafter he moved to West Germany, again working as a shepherd and then attending college to obtain an agricultural engineering degree. In 1995 he immigrated to the US, living and farming for 11 years in New Jersey. In 2006, he and his wife Barbara bought a 50 acre farm in the Finger Lakes region in New York state, where they moved with their three children and where he raises grass-fed White Dorper sheep.



Our Mission is to:

Care about humans and humus; encourage working the land for future generations; and support community life and stewardship that is prosperous and enduring.

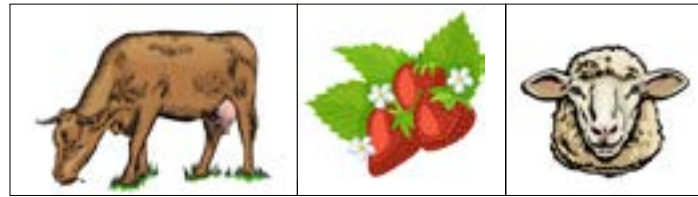
We do this by:

- Promoting growing practices that conserve, renew, and improve our soils; to provide healthy food for the well-being of families, communities, and all inhabitants that share our farms and land.
- Advocating a way of farming that offers products for the markets that are nutritious, wholesome, and delicious.
- Building a local agriculture with practices that benefit our rural and urban communities.

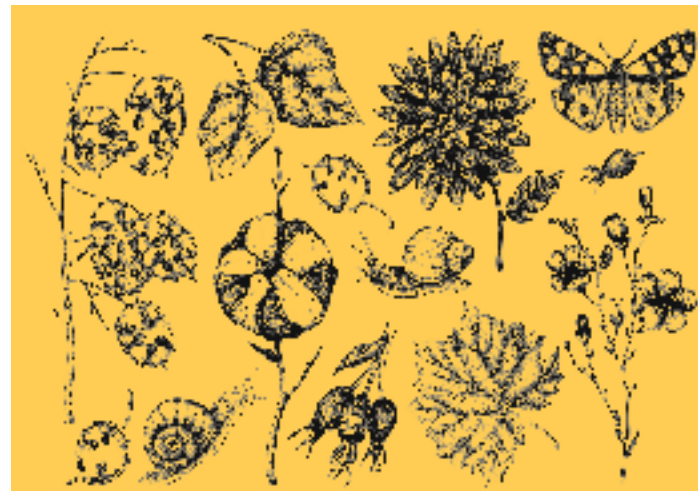


Organic Farming Conference
PO Box 214
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November 10-11, 2022



Organic as a "Way of Life"



Held at the Mt. Hope Event Center
in Mt. Hope, Ohio

THURSDAY

- 8:30 Welcome and Overview of the Day-
- 8:45 Key Note Speaker: **Organic Produce to Dairy in WI**—*Jim Wedeberg (Organic Pioneer)*
- 10:00 Vendor Show/Morning Break
- 10:30 **Breakout Sessions:**
Room 1) Growing Practices for Organic Strawberries—*Ron Meyer*
Blueberry Production Tips—*Mike Erb*
Room 2) A Tour of Our Farm—*Jim Wedeberg*
Room 3) The Organic Home
- 11:45 Lunch and Vendor Show
- 1:00 Key Note Speaker: **Balancing Soils for Better Yields**—*Edwin Blosser*
- 2:15 Vendor Show
- 2:30 **Breakout Sessions:**
Room 1) Balancing Soils for Row Crops—*Edwin Blosser*
Room 2) Fence Row Nature
Room 3) The Organic Home
- 3:30 Dismiss

The Organic Home: *Homemade Holidays*

- Healthy Holiday Appetizers
- Homemade Candles
- Homemade Gift Wrapping
- Backyard Poultry
- Gardening Panel
- Homemade Gift Ideas
- Music Sheet Art
- Hourly Demonstrations

FRIDAY

- 8:30 Welcome and Overview of the Day
- 8:45 **Key Note Speaker: A Shepherd's Journey from East Germany to New York**—*Ulf Kintzel*
- 10:00 Vendor Show/Morning Break
- 10:30 **Breakout Sessions:**
Room 1) Dairy Grassmilk Panel: *Gene DeBruin, Paul J. Miller, David Hershberger, Lloyd Miller, and Aaron Nolt*
Room 2) Organic Produce Growing Experiences Panel from Romulas, NY
Room 3) The Organic Home
- 11:45 Lunch and Vendor Show
- 1:00 **Room 1) Plants and Habitat for our Pollinators**—*Denise Ellsworth*
Room 2) Managing Pasture Quality for 100% Grass Production of Sheep—*Ulf Kintzel*
Room 3) The Organic Home
- 2:15 Vendor Show
- 2:30 **Breakout Sessions:**
Room 1) Composting and Humus Composting: *Edwin Blosser*
Room 2) Family Farm Succession—*Jim Wedeberg*
Room 3) The Organic Home
- 3:30 Dismiss

For more information call: 330-674-1892

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Registration Form:

One Day: \$25 per person
 Two Days: \$35 per person
**Children 5 and under are free*
(\$10 more after Oct.23)
Complete # of people each day:
 Thursday _____ people
 Friday _____ people

Registrant Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/ St. / Zip: _____ Total \$ _____
 Additional Names: _____

Registration includes entry to all speakers, workshops, vendor show and food for the day. Morning snack and drinks are provided as well as an organic home cooked hot lunch.



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