



The University of Maryland Extension, Queen Anne's County
Organic Production Meeting
Grain, Dairy, Vegetables & Poultry
Higher Education Center, Wye Mills, MD 21679
Friday, March 9th, 2018

Cost \$ 10.00 – To register: - <https://organicproductionmtg.eventbrite.com>

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast – Sponsor Booths Open	Location - HEC 110
9:00 am	Welcome Jenny Rhodes, Extension Educator, Ag. & Natural Resources, University of Maryland Extension	Location –HEC110
9:15 am -10:30 am	Panel Discussion- Next Generation of Organic Farmers - Dairy, Grain, Poultry, & Vegetable Hear from this panel of local farmers and ask them questions too. Matt Fry , Dairy and Grain Wes Winterstien , Dairy & Grain Evan Miles , Grain & Vegetables Matt Neilson , Grain Georgie Cartanza , Poultry Delaware Farmer , Grain	
10:30 am -10:45 am	BREAK – visit with sponsors & networking	
10:45 am – 12:00pm	Panel Discussion –Latest Research from Local Scientist - Farmers research needs. What are researchers working on? What research do you need as a farmer/producer? Dr. Michel Cavigelli , Research Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Sustainable Agricultural Systems Lab, Beltsville, MD Dr. Kathryn L. Everts , Professor & Extension Specialist, Plant Pathology, University of Maryland – College Park - Joint appt. University of Delaware Cerruti Hooks , Assoc Prof, & Extension Specialist, Entomology, University of Maryland Dr. Steven Mirsky , Research Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Sustainable Agricultural Systems Lab, Beltsville, MD Dr. Mark J. VanGessel , Professor and Extension Weed Specialist, University of Delaware	
	Clicker Evaluation - if you need to leave early please complete a paper evaluation.	
10:00 am – 1:30 pm	Entrepreneurial Coaching –Sign up at the registration desk 30 min sessions	Location: TBD
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH , Networking and Sponsor Table Visits	Location: HEC 110
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Break Out Round 1 How Useful Are Biostimulents In Organic Vegetable Systems? Gerald Brust , IPM Vegetable Specialist, University of Maryland Central Maryland Research and Education Center Biostimulents can improve crop yields and/or quality at times, but not consistently. There are some strategies that can make the biostimulents more reliable, but at a cost. See results from the use of biostimulents in organic tomato, pepper and cucurbit systems for several years.	Location: Room 1

Can Living Mulches Be Deployed Into Conservation Tillage Systems To Support The Fight Against Weeds?

Location: Room 2

Cerruti Hooks, Assoc Prof, & Extension Specialist, Entomology, University of Maryland

Discuss the use of living mulches for managing weeds in organic vegetable systems. Compare their use with other cover cropping tactics (e.g., green manuring, organic mulching) and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of their use.

Growing Organic Poultry

Location: Room 3

Georgie Cartanza, Poultry Extension Agent, Delaware Cooperative Extension

What makes a poultry organic? Learn the basics of raising organic poultry.

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Break - – visit with vendors & networking

2:00pm – 2:45 pm

Break Out - Round 2

Managing Nutrients In Organic Systems For Long-Term Sustainability

Location: Room 1

Michel Cavigelli, Research Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Sustainable Agricultural Systems Lab, Beltsville, MD

Presentation on organic production research and needed research.

Organics 101- What is the Certification Process and much more

Location: Room2

William Rawlings, Administrator, Food Quality Assurance Maryland Department of Agriculture

Effects of Cover Crops on water and nutrient dynamics

Location: Room3

Dr. Steven Mirsky, Research Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Sustainable Agricultural Systems Lab, Beltsville, MD

Presentation on cover crop management and how it plays a role in nutrient and water availability to your next cash crop.

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