

Wednesday, February 4th SESSIONS
(Trade Show will be open in between sessions)

Session Time	Heritage Hall Room 1	Heritage Hall Room 3	Heritage Hall Room 4	Heritage Hall Room 6
1:00-1:45 PM	<p>The Power of Cover Crops & Growing Your Own Nitrogen</p> <p>Aaron Fisher (Byron Seeds)</p>	<p>Organic Market Update & Industry Trends</p> <p>Kelsey Graber (Clarkson Grain)</p>	<p>Ecological Strategies to Reduce Tillage in Organic Corn and Soybeans</p> <p>Ben Brockmueller (UW-Madison) & Cheyanne Mattie (UW-Madison)</p>	<p>Capitalizing Farmland Access and Succession: Examples from the Field</p> <p>Dave Bishop (PrairieErth Farm) & Emy Brawley (The Conservation Fund)</p>
2:15-3:00 PM	<p>Soil Health Connection to Plant & Human Health</p> <p>Samuel Fisher (Byron Seeds)</p>	<p>Organic Transition Success</p> <p>Mark Geistlinger (MOSA)</p>	<p>No-till Organic Corn in Living Alfalfa</p> <p>Ben Miller, (Clear Frontier Ag Mgmt)</p>	<p>Long Term Stewards: Intergenerational Conversations for Conservation & Farm Success</p> <p>Christine Johnson (MFAI), Claire Hodge (TLC of McHenry County) & Esther Durairaj (MFAI)</p>
3:30-4:30 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION: Strengthening our Midwest Grainshed: The Grower-Buyer Connection</p> <p>Will Glazik (Cow Creek Farm/Silver Tree Spirits/Rodale Institute) Jill Brockman-Cummings (Janie's Mill), Armando Sandoval (Maize Mexican Grill) & Ian Nutting (The Space/The Land Connection)</p>			
4:30 PM	<p>ADJOURN</p>			
5:00-8:00 PM	<p>NATIONAL TOPP MARKETS ORGANIC GRAIN BUYER/SUPPLIER MIXER AT RIGG'S BEER COMPANY IN URBANA</p>			

Thursday, February 5th SESSIONS
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	Heritage Hall Room 1	Heritage Hall Room 3	Heritage Hall Room 4	Heritage Hall Room 6
9:00-9:15 AM	WELCOME & READING READING: "At Harvest" written & read by: Dave Bishop			
9:15-10:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION: The Wisdom of Weathered Fields: Illinois Farmers Who Experienced the 1980's Farming Crisis Moderator: Dallas Glazik, <i>RoseLee Farm/Silver Tree Spirits/Pheasants Forever</i> Panelists: Jack Erisman, <i>Goldmine Farm</i> , Gary McDonald, McDonald Farm, and Dave Campbell, <i>Rodale Institute/Lily Lake Organic Farm</i>			
10:45-11:30 AM	Making Hay Pay 2026 Becky Howell (The Shire of Illinois)	Alley Cropping Trees and Small Grains Eric Wolske (Canopy Farm Mgmt) Conservation	Unique Mechanical Weed Control Options Johnathan Hostetler (TH Fabrication)	Conservation Planning 101: A Starter Guide to Becoming a TSP Cindy Logsdon (OSP Consulting)
12:00-12:45 PM	Simplifying Organic Record Keeping with a Farmer and Inspector Mallory Krieger (OATS/Terra Ellosa) & Todd Meinhold (Meinhold Farms)	Incorporating Grazing into Grain Operations Christian Lovell (Illinois Grazing Land Coalition)	Advancing Oat Improvement for Organic Production in Illinois Dr Juan Arbelaez-Velez (UIUC)	IL SARE Farm Research Tour Cate Loomis (IL SARE)
2:00-3:00 PM	KEYNOTE: Harvesting Health from Healthy Productive Soil Dr. Jill Clapperton			
3:30-4:15 PM	Reaping the Rewards of a Regenerative Year Joel Gruver (Western Illinois University)	Benefits and Challenges of Diversifying the Corn Belt: Lessons Learned from Three Years of On-farm Surveys Carmen Blubaugh (UIUC)	Roller Crimping for Soy: Worth a(nother) Try on Your Farm? Ben Lehman (Rodale Institute)	FFRI Mental Health Services Robert Glatz (Farm Family Resource Initiative) & Sharie Craddock (Farm Family Resource Initiative)
4:45 PM	ADJOURN			