



## Friday March 6, 2009 ANR Organic Program

### 8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee

**9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Overview** Vicki Morrone, Outreach Specialist for Organic Farmers

**9:15-10:00 Opening Presentation by Dr. Doug Buhler, Michigan Agriculture Experiment Station. Integrating Organics into MSU.**

### Session I 10:00—11:00 a.m. Organic Marketing and Outreach

- ◇ Working Paper: Organic Marketing Opportunities and Obstacles in the Great Lakes States: Toward a Research Agenda. Dr. David Conner Research Associate, MSU Department of CARRS , C.S. Mott Group.
- ◇ Organic Products at Michigan Farmers Markets. Susan Smalley, MSU Department of CARRS, Director of C. S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems.
- ◇ Organic Marketing for Field Crops 2009. Dan Rossman, MSU Gratiot County Extension Educator.
- ◇ The Execution of the Organic Farming Certificate Program-Pedagogy Details,. Corie Pierce, MSU Dept of Horticulture, Outreach Specialist for the Organic Certificate Program.

### Coffee Break 11:00-11:15

Open Space Sign-up

### Session II 11:15—12:00: p.m. Organic Vegetables

- ◇ Ecological management of winter weeds in pea-wheat-corn rotations: The curious case of corn, chamomile and cover crops. Dr. Dan Brainard Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Horticulture .
- ◇ Nutrient Management Through Compost and Cover Crops Under Organic Vegetable Production. Ajay Nair Graduate Student, MSU Department of Horticulture .
- ◇ Assessing Four Winter Squash Cultivars as Trap Crops to Improve Cucumber Beetle Management in Organic Cucumber Production. Vianney Willot Graduate Student, MSU Department of Entomology. Graduate Student.

**Lunch 12:00-1:30** Open Space Discussion Groups: Each participant self-selects group to discuss themes over lunch.

### Session III 1:30-2:30 p.m. Organic Soil Health

- ◇ Nitrogen Credits for Cover Crops, and Composted Dairy Manure in a Long-Term Rotation Study. Lowell Gentry KBS Project Manager & Sieg Snapp Associate Professor, Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences.
- ◇ Legume Cover Crops: Why Does the Variety Matter? Brook Wilke PhD Student & Sieg Snapp Associate Professor, KBS and Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences.
- ◇ Impact of Tillage and Carbon on Soil Aggregate Hydration Acoustics and Water-Stability. Marisol Quintanilla Tornel PhD Student, Department of Entomology .
- ◇ 2009 Cover Crop Demonstration Report. Dan Hudson, MSUE Agronomy Extension Educator. Ingham County.

### Break 2:30-2:45

### Session IV 2:45-3:15p.m. Pest Management

- ◇ Nematode Community Structure of Natural and Alternative Management Systems. Marisol Quintanilla Tornel PhD Student and George Bird Professor, Dept of Entomology.
- ◇ Integrated Weed Management: Fine Tuning the System. Erin Taylor Research Associate MSU Dept of Crops and Soil.

### Session V 3:15-4:00 p.m. Organic Fruit

- ◇ Friend or Foe: Blueberry Pollinators as Mummy Berry Vectors. Matthew Grieshop Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Entomology.
- ◇ Organic Blueberry Research at MSU: What we have learned so far. Jesse Sadowski Graduate Student, MSU Department of Plant Pathology.
- ◇ Integrating Benefits of Organic Apple and Pork Production. Jim Koan, Almar Orchards Grower.

### Final Session 4:00-4:30 What's Next for Michigan Organic?