

Friday March 5, 2010 ANR Organic Program

12:30-1:00 Registration and Coffee

1:00-1:10 Welcome and Overview Vicki Morrone, Outreach Specialist for Organic Vegetable and Field Crop Farmers

Session I 1:10-1:35 Farm Viability

- ◇ Four Generations of Sustainable Practices – A Case Study of a Northern Michigan Organic Family Farm, Matt Raven, Department of CARRS, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824
- ◇ Topic Discussion-A chance to discuss what is needed and what do we have to help our next generation of farmers facilitated by Michigan Young Farmer Coalition-Alexis Bogdanova-Hanna

Session II 1:35-2:05 Fruit Production

- ◇ Organic Fertilization Options for Blueberries, Eric Hanson¹, Annemiek Schilder² and Jesse Sadowsky², ⁽¹⁾Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 ⁽²⁾Department of Plant Pathology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824
- ◇ Organic Production of Fruit Crops Under High Tunnels, Gregory Lang, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824

Session III 2:05-2:50 Organic Pest Management

- ◇ Climbing Mt. Organic: Three Phases of Complex Non-Linear Open Systems, George W. Bird, Department of Entomology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824

- ◇ Conservation Biological Control of Vegetable Insect Pests in Organic Production Systems, Daniel M. Pavuk, Monroe County/ Michigan State University Extension, 963 S. Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161
- ◇ Evaluation of OMRI-Approved Fungicides and Cultural Methods for Control of Grape Diseases, Annemiek Schilder¹, Jerri M. Gillett¹, and Roger W. Sysak¹, ⁽¹⁾Department of Plant Pathology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

2:50-4:00 Michigan Organic Farmers Discussion Panel

Cheryl and Alan Kobernik, North Star Organics, Frankfort, MI (cherries)

Ben Sattelberg– Thistledown and Bay Shores Farm, Snover MI (grains & beans)

Pooh Stevenson-Owosso Organics, Owosso, MI (vegetables and flowers)

Rebecca Titus-Titus Farm, Leslie, MI (vegetables and flowers and multi-farm CSA)

4:00-5:30 p.m. Graduate Student Poster Presentations & Awards

Awards announced by Julie Cotton, EFFF Outreach Coordinator

Topics of Posters Include:

- ◇ **Organic Marketing**
- ◇ **Fruit Production**
- ◇ **Agriculture and It's people**
- ◇ **Organic Pest Management**
- ◇ **Soil Quality**
- ◇ **New Crops for Michigan**
- ◇ **Organic Production**