

# REGISTRATION FOR ORGANIC DAIRY 101

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**JANUARY 17, 2008 – ST. CLOUD, MN**

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**\*EARLY BIRD RATE: ONLY \$25 PER PERSON --  
(REGISTER AND PAY AT LEAST 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE)**

The price of the workshop includes lunch and breaks featuring organic foods.

**Payment is:**

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**SUSTAINABLE FARMING ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA  
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Are you interested in receiving Continuing Education Credits for attending this workshop?

Yes     No

## ORGANIC DAIRY 101: A WORKSHOP FOR DAIRY SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

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### AGENDA:

#### I. OVERVIEW OF ORGANIC DAIRY

9:30 a.m.

HARRIET BEHAR, MIDWEST ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION SERVICE AND ORGANIC INSPECTOR

- The scope of organic dairy in Minnesota/ Upper Midwest
- Markets, economics and growth potential
- Organic certification and records

12:30 p.m.

DR. HUBERT KARREMAN, DVM, PENN DUTCH COW CARE

- Treating disease on organic dairies
- Lessons from organic: Best practices for all dairies

1:15 p.m.

ROD DYBING, MIDWEST BIOAG

- Soils and fertility in organic dairy

1:45 p.m.

JIM PAULSON, U OF M REGIONAL EXTENSION EDUCATOR, DAIRY

- Nutrition and cropping

2:15 p.m.

DR. DENNIS JOHNSON, U OF M DAIRY SCIENTIST

- Pastures and grazing

2:45 p.m.

MIKE MASTEY, RIDGEWATER COLLEGE FARM BUSINESS MANGEMENT

- Economics and farm business mgmt

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Questions and answers
- Resources you can use

#### II. FARMER INSIGHTS AND VIRTUAL FARM TOURS

10:15 a.m.

JOE BORGERDING, DAIRY FARMER, ELROSA, MN

BOB MUELLER, DAIRY FARMER, MELROSE, MN

- Decision and rationale for going organic
- Management practices--feed, nutrition, livestock health
- Production
- Use of dairy support professionals
- Successes and challenges

#### III. BUILDING AN ORGANIC DAIRY SYSTEM

11:00 a.m.

DR. HUBERT KARREMAN, DVM, PENN DUTCH COW CARE

- Livestock health in organic systems

11:45 a.m.

- Questions and answers

12:00 p.m.

- Lunch and Topical Discussions

For more info go to the Sustainable Farming Assoc. of Minnesota website [www.sfa-mn.org](http://www.sfa-mn.org) or contact Anne Borgendale at [communications@sfa-mn.org](mailto:communications@sfa-mn.org) or 320-226-6318.

**“ ORGANIC IS A PRODUCTION SYSTEM, NOT A KIND OF MILK”**

The number of organic dairies is increasing to meet a booming consumer market for organic dairy products.

Increase your knowledge about what successful organic dairying is all about and how you can serve this growing clientele.

*Find Out:*

- WHAT MOTIVATES FARMERS TO TRANSITION TO ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCTION?
- WHAT ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ORGANIC MILK PRODUCTION?
- WHAT IS THE LATEST RESEARCH ON ORGANIC DAIRY, INCLUDING NUTRITION, ECONOMICS, PERFORMANCE AND MARKETS?
- HOW ORGANIC DAIRIES OPERATE, FROM THE FARMERS THEMSELVES.
- WHAT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DO ORGANIC FARMERS NEED AND USE?
- WHAT IS THE FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR ORGANIC DAIRY?

*Who should attend:*

VETERINARIANS	DAIRY INSPECTORS
FEED DEALERS	EXTENSION
NUTRITIONISTS	DAIRY PROCESSORS
LENDERS	EDUCATORS
DAIRY SERVICE PROVIDERS	
TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS	
FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTORS	
VETERINARY (AND OTHER) STUDENTS	

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