

# REGISTRATION FOR ORGANIC DAIRY 101

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**MARCH 25, 2008 – ROCHESTER, MN**

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**\*EARLY BIRD RATE: ONLY \$25 PER PERSON --**

**(REGISTER AND PAY AT LEAST 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE)**

Online at [www.sfa-mn.org](http://www.sfa-mn.org) or use this form

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

**Payment is:**

Enclosed     Prefer to pay at door

Send a check payable to:

**SUSTAINABLE FARMING ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA  
29731 302 STREET – STARBUCK, MN 56381**

Are you interested in receiving Continuing Education Credits for attending this workshop?

Yes     No

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

MARCH 25, 2008 – ROCHESTER, MN (HOLIDAY INN - SOUTH, 1630 S. BROADWAY)

### AGENDA:

9:30 a.m.

MARY JO FORBORD, SUSTAINABLE FARMING  
ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

- Introductions & Announcements

#### **I. OVERVIEW OF ORGANIC DAIRY**

9:45 a.m.

MEG MOYNIHAN, MINNESOTA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
ORGANIC & DIVERSIFICATION SPECIALIST

- Scope of organic dairy in Minnesota/  
Upper Midwest
- Markets, economics and growth potential
- Organic certification and record keeping

#### **II. ORGANIC DAIRY FARMER INSIGHTS AND VIRTUAL FARM TOURS**

10:30 a.m.

STEVE O' REILLY, GOODHUE, MN  
JOHN BEDTKE, ALTURA, MN

TOM & KAREN WENCL, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN

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

11:45 a.m.

- Lunch and Topical Discussions

#### **III. BUILDING AN ORGANIC DAIRY SYSTEM**

12:30 p.m.

GUY JODARSKI, DVM

- Livestock health and treating disease  
in organic systems

1:30 p.m.

GLEN BORGERDING, AG RESOURCE CONSULTING

- Soils and fertility management

2:00 p.m.

PAUL R. PETERSON, PH. D., U OF M EXTENSION  
AGRONOMIST

- Pasture and grazing management

2:30 p.m.

DENNIS JOHNSON, PH. D., U OF M  
DAIRY SCIENTIST

- Dairy nutrition and cropping

3:00 p.m.

JACK LAVALLA, FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
INSTRUCTOR, RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Organic dairy farm performance  
measures

3:30 p.m.

- Wrap Up

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 DO 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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www.mda.state.mn.us

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