

# 2008 Conference Schedule

## Friday, Feb. 15

### Pre-conference Options:

10:00 am -12:00 pm

- A. **Pastured Poultry/Organic Egg Production**  
Denise Anderson, 2 Silos Farm, Mt. Gilead, Ohio
- B. **Organic Fruit Production**  
Richard Moyer, King College, Bristol, Tennessee

- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Conference Registration
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm **Food Festival** (bring a dish to share)
- 1:00 pm Welcome and Announcements  
Katherine Smith, VABF President
- 1:15 pm Plenary Session:  
**Farm to School Connections—Promise, Pitfalls and Policy** Dr. Jennifer Wilkins, Senior Extension Associate  
Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University
- 2:15 pm Break, refreshments, trade show
- 2:30 pm Breakout Sessions
- A. **Weed Management Using Cover Crops and Rotation Strategies** Jessica Deelo, Extension Specialist - Organic Horticulture Cropping Systems  
Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agriculture Research and Extension Center, Winchester
  - B. **Grassfed to Finish: Gourmet Quality Beef**  
Tim Johnson, Ozark Pasture Beef  
Fayetteville, Arkansas
  - C. **Permaculture** - David O'Neill, Keezletown, Virginia
- 3:30 pm Break, refreshments, trade show
- 4:00 pm Breakout Sessions
- A. **Community Supported Agriculture Panel Discussion:** Tony Lagana, Keith Dix, Lisa Reagan
  - B. **Hogs, Corn and Soybeans** - Paul Muge, Sutherland, Iowa
  - C. **Year Round Lettuce Production** - Kevin Damian, Mechanicsville, Virginia
- 5:30 pm **VABF Business Meeting:**  
All Welcome
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Plenary Session:  
**Enhancing the Life in Your Soil** Dr. Elaine Ingham, President, Soil Foodweb, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon
- 9:00 pm Movie Presentation: **Cover Crops and Compost Crops in Your Garden**, produced by Cindy Conner and Luke Conner

### For Conference Updates: [www.vabf.org](http://www.vabf.org)

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## Saturday, Feb. 16

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast on your own  
Breakout Sessions
- A. **Pastured Poultry/Organic Broiler Production**  
Denise Anderson, 2 Silos Farm, Mt. Gilead, Ohio
  - B. **Postage Stamp Farm** - Charlie Collins, Victory Farms, Inc., Hanover, VA.
  - C. **Practical Utilization of Compost Tea**  
Dr. Elaine Ingham, President, Soil Foodweb, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon
- 9:45 am - 10:45 pm Breakout Sessions
- A. **Internet Marketing—Our Experience**  
Paul Estabrook, Virginia Gold Orchard, Natural Bridge, Virginia
  - B. **Organic Production of Vegetables on Plastic with Trickle Irrigation**  
Bo Page and Jimmy Landry, Planet Positive Organic Farm, Gainesville, Florida
  - C. **Farmscaping for Biological Insect Control**  
Debbie Roos, NCSU Agricultural Extension Agent, Chatham County, North Carolina
- 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Breakout Sessions
- A. **Organic Health Management System for Small Ruminants** Dr. Joe Tritschler, Extension Specialist, Petersburg, Virginia
  - B. **What Does My Soil Really Need? A Balanced Approach to Organic Soil Management**  
Dr. Mark Schonbeck, Floyd, Virginia and Byron Vaughan, A & L Eastern, Richmond, VA
  - C. **Production of Sweet Potatoes and Butternut Squash for the Organic Baby Food Market**  
Sharon Funderburk, Burch Farms, Faison, North Carolina
- 12:00 Noon Lunch and raffle
- 2:00 pm Breakout Sessions
- A. **Long Term Cropping System for Certified-Organic Field Corn, Wheat and Soybeans** - Michel Cavigelli, Sustainable Agricultural Systems Lab, USDA - Agriculture Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland
  - B. **Community Supported Agriculture Panel Discussion** - John Wilson, Kathleen Fogarty, David O'Neill and Lee Sturgis
  - C. **Incentive Program for Beginning Beekeepers**  
Keith Tignor, State Apiarist, VDACS, Richmond

### Youth Program!

Children are invited to attend this program which runs concurrently with the main conference, starting at 1:00 pm Friday. A special program of activities related to farming will appeal to many age levels (6-18 years old). The registration cost is only \$35 (\$30 each additional child), and includes two meals and snacks, plus all activities and materials. Details on page 5.