

2010 Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference Options

9:00 am to 10:30 am

A. Large-Scale Composting Operation Tour

Travel in your own vehicle to Royal Oak Farm near Evington in Bedford County where Ken Newman operates a 25 acre composting facility. At 10:30 am everyone will depart for Danville to get there in time for the organic foods festival.

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

B. Seed Saving and Seed Production as a Farm Enterprise

Ira Wallace, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
Mineral, Virginia

Edmund Frost, Twin Oaks Community
Louisa, Virginia

C. Video Presentation: Develop a Sustainable Vegetable Garden Plan

Cindy Conner and Luke Conner, Homeplace Earth
Ashland, VA

D. Perennial Vegetable Crops

Eric Toensmeier, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Friday, Feb. 19

9:30 am – 12:45 pm Conference Registration

11:00 am Conference Trade Show Begins

11:45 am Organic Foods Festival

1:00 pm Welcome and Announcements

1:00 pm Youth program begins

1:15 pm Plenary Presentation

Holistic Resource Management for Improving the Environment through Sustainable Agriculture

Ian Mitchell-Innes
Blanerne Farm, Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa

2:30 pm Break, refreshments, trade show

3:00 pm Breakout Sessions

A. Leafy Greens Working Group

Potential Food Safety Regulations for Produce Growers

Steve Gilman, NOFA, Stillwater, New York

B. Why Pastured Poultry?

Mike and Teresa Walters, Walters Poultry, Stillwell, Oklahoma

C. Edible Forest Gardens

Eric Toensmeier, Holyoke, Massachusetts

D. High Tunnel Raspberry Production Without Pesticides

Shirley Kline, Bridgeton, New Jersey

4:30 pm Break, refreshments, trade show

5:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Plenary Session

Thinking Like an Island

Michael Ableman
Foxglove Farm, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

9:00 pm **Film Presentation: Beyond Organic**

Saturday, Feb. 20

7:00 am Breakfast on your own

8:30 am Youth program continues

8:30-10:00 am Breakout Sessions

A. Diversification for Sustainability at Elmwood Stock Farm

John Bell and Ann Bell, central Kentucky

B. Transitioning the Berea College Farm into the 21st Century: Challenges of Student Labor, Enterprise Selection and Mixed Organic/Conventional Production

Derek Law and Janet Meyer, Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky

C. Food Safety in Fruit and Vegetable Production

Dr. Wesley Kline, Rutgers University, New Jersey

D. Beekeeping

Dennis and Neva Whetzel, Golden Angels Apiary
Singers Glen, Virginia

10:00-10:30 am Break, refreshments, trade show

10:30-12:00 am Breakout Sessions

A. Getting Started in Commercial Production of Organically-Grown Vegetables

John Wilson, New Earth Farm, Virginia Beach, Virginia

B. Enhancing Biological Control by Natural Enemies

Dr. Karen Kester, Department of Biology
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, Virginia

C. Holistic Resource Management of Grazing Lands – An Overview

Ian Mitchell-Innes
Blanerne Farm, Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa

D. Commercial Production and Utilization of Compost

Ken Newman and Craig Coker, Royal Oak Farm
Evington, Virginia and Andy Hankins, Virginia State University
Petersburg, Virginia

12:00 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 pm Breakout Sessions

A. Local Food Hubs

Spencer Neale, Virginia Farm Bureau, Richmond, Virginia and
Alan Moore and Nathan Vrooman, Local Food Hub
Charlottesville, Virginia
Molly Harris, Fall Line Farms, Goochland County, Virginia

B. Selected Topics in Tomato Production

Chris Mullins, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA and
Dr. Wesley Kline, Rutgers University, New Jersey

C. Government Support Programs

Ron Wood – Natural Resource Conservation Service
Kent Lewis – Virginia Dept, of Agriculture and Consumer Science
Tammy Goodyear – Virginia Farm Service Agency
Kristen Hughes Evans – Chesapeake Bay Foundation

D. Specialty Mushroom Production

Mark Jones, Sharondale Farm, Keswick, Virginia