

**The Land Connection
Transitioning to Organic Grains Workshop
Woodstock, Illinois
January 13, 2016**

Schedule

8:00 Introductions, by The Land Connection and partners

8:15 Presentation: Dave Bishop

- Overview of organic production systems
- Diversity as the key to adversity
- Livestock in the landscape
- Soil fertility

9:00 Presentation: Dave Campbell

- Crop rotation
- Fertility management
- Cover crops

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10:15 Break

10:30 Presentation: Gary McDonald

- Weed management
- Cultivation and tillage

11:30 Panel: Gary McDonald, Jack Erisman, Joel Gruver, Aaron and Paul Butler, Dave Campbell

- Pest and disease management

12:00 Lunch, with breakout discussion groups

- Accessing organic/transitional land
- Small and specialty grains
- Buyer opportunities

12:45 Presentation: Wyatt Muse and Bill Davison

- Seed sourcing, breeding, and genetics

1:15 Presentation: Harriet Behar

- Navigating organic certification
- NRCS programs

2:15 Break

2:30 Presentation: Harold Wilken

- Successful wholesale grain marketing
- Potential for on-farm milling and value addition

3:15 Panel: Wyatt Muse, Harold Wilken, Jack Erisman

- Marketing options

3:45 Presentation: Richard Ritter

- Cash flow in Illinois organic farm businesses
- Financing options

4:20 Panel: Paul Dietmann, Gary McDonald, Richard Ritter

4:50 Closing remarks

- See more at: <http://thelandconnection.org/farmers/farmer-training-intensives/grains/agenda#sthash.WDWpxAot.dpuf>