



At-A-Glance Conference

15TH ANNIVERSARY ORGANIC
CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

ACORN
Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network

NOVEMBER 23 MONDAY

	Soil - Field Crops	Soil - General	Farmers' Market Sessions	Homesteading
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
9:00 AM	Opening Remarks & Plenary Session: Soil Matters: Organic From the Ground Up JEFF MOYER of the Rodale Institute		Relationship Marketing and Branding MICHELLE WOLF	
10:00 AM	How Soil Type Affects your Management DR. ANDY HAMMERMEISTER	Transitioning to No -Till Vegetables JEFF MOYER	Exceptional Customer Service MICHELLE WOLF	Farmers' Top 10 Tips for Backyard Livestock SALLY BERNARD
11:00 AM	BREAK			
11:30 AM	How do Subsoilers Work in Various Soils? DENIS LAFRANCE	Crop Rotations for Soil Health JEFF MOYER	Merchandising and Display MICHELLE WOLF	Forest Farming Harvests: Mushrooms, Herbs, Edibles and More! ESTELLE DRISDELLE
12:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK - Visit our Trade Show! Featuring a lunchtime presentation: Seed Conservation for Uncertain Times: The Scatterseed Project with WILL BONSALE (1:00 - 2:00pm)			
2:30 PM	Crop Rotations for Soil Health (Field Crops Edition) JEFF MOYER	Permanent Raised Beds DENIS LAFRANCE	Leadership Training MICHELLE WOLF	Backyard Vegetables for Winter Storage GAIL KERN
3:30 PM	BREAK - Visit our Trade Show!			
4:00 PM	Soil Regeneration for Healthy Farms and Resiliency RUTH KNIGHT	Green Manures for Nitrogen in Vegetable Production DENIS LAFRANCE	Vendors as Board Members MICHELLE WOLF	Growing and Processing Grain on a Home Scale WILL BONSALE
5:00 PM	<i>TRADE SHOW TIME AND SUPPER</i>			
7:00 PM	Local Organic Kick-Off at Holland College			

NOVEMBER 24 TUESDAY

	Fruit/Value Added	Field Crops/Grain	Seed	Protected Culture
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
8:30 AM	Visit our Trade Show!			
9:00 AM	Opening Plenary: 15 Years - ACORN Beginnings - Panel Discussion			
10:00 AM	Considerations for Beginner Wine Grape Production MICHAEL LIGHTFOOT	Managing Novel Green Manures and Nutrient Sources in Organic Field Crop Systems DEREK LYNCH	Field Layout Considerations for Seed Production KIM DELANEY	Part 1: Managing Tomatoes & Peppers in High Tunnels CHRISTINE VILLENEUVE
11:00 AM	BREAK - Visit our Trade Show and Silent Auction!			
11:30 AM	Table Grapes in Colder Climates BERNADETTE GOGUEN	Grain Marketing Models JEAN-GUY VAILLANCOURT	Achieving Quality Vegetable Seed Through Pollination Control WILL BONSALE	Part 2: NBDAAF Grafted Tomato and Coloured Pepper Demo Project CHRISTINE VILLENEUVE CLAUDE BERTHÉLÉMÉ
12:30 AM	LUNCH: Visit our Trade Show and Silent Auction! Featuring a lunchtime presentation: "Seeds of Transition: Effective Collaborative Seed Growing Networks" with KIM DELANEY			
2:30 PM	Part 1 - Possibilities in Organic Processing EDWARD CHARTER	Wireworm Control in Grain Production DR CHRISTINE NOROHNA	Quality Biennial Seed Production in Northern Climates WILL BONSALE	An Overview of Grafting for Vegetable Crops ANDREW MEFFERD
3:30 PM	BREAK: Visit our Trade Show and Silent Auction!			
4:00 PM	Part 2 - Processing Success Stories! EDWARD CHARTER	Cover Crops in Potato Production RUTH KNIGHT	Seed Cleaning Equipment & Sources Relative to your Scale of Production KIM DELANEY	Best Practices for Protected Culture: Eggplant and Cucumber Production ANDREW MEFFERD
5:00 PM	Pre-Banquet Reception - Visit our Trade Show!			
6:30 PM	ACORN's Celebratory, 100% Organic, Locally-Sourced Banquet!			
8:00 PM	KEYNOTE WITH DR. ANDY HAMMERMEISTER - ORGANIC 3.0			

NOVEMBER 25 WEDNESDAY

	Horticulture	Biodiversity	Organic Enterprises	Livestock
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
9:00 AM	Plenary - Organic in The Next 15 Years - What Might 2030 Look Like? CHEF MICHAEL SMITH - PEI Food Ambassador			
10:00 AM	Wireworm Management in Horticultural Crops DR CHRISTINE NOROHNA	So You Want to go 4D: Planning Trees into your Farmscape (a closer examination of Hedgerows and Windbreaks) CHRISTOPHER AND HANNAH BUSCHAUS	Considerations for Cooperation: Cooperative Farming Models ALYSON CHISHOLM	Business of Livestock - Make your Livestock Make Money TIM LIVINGSTONE
11:00 AM	SHORT BREAK - Seedy Wednesday			
11:15 AM	Techniques for Disease-Free Garlic AL PICKETTS	Habitat Management for Native Pollinators ROBYN MCCALLUM	Considerations for Selling to Grocery Chains MATT DYKERMAN MARC SCHURMAN	Whole Animal Butchery CHRIS DE WAAL
12:15 PM	SHORT LUNCH			
1:30 PM	Floral CSA - Grow, Design and Sell AMANDA MUIS BROWN	Encouraging Swift and Swallows on the Organic Farm ALLY MANTHORNE	Holistic Business/Life - Strategic Farm Planning TIM & KIRSTEN LIVINGSTONE	Homeopathic First Aid for Acute Trauma and the First Stage of Fevers JULIE ANNE LEE
2:30 PM	An Innovative Organic Sweet Corn System for the Maritimes JOSÉE OWEN	The Value of Dung Beetles in Organic Agriculture PAUL MANNING	Farm Hack Workshop	Tools for Integrating Livestock into Organic Field Cropping Systems RUTH KNIGHT
4:00 PM	CONFERENCE WRAP UP - SEE YOU IN NEW BRUNSWICK IN 2016!			