



**HONOURING
OUR ROOTS
SOWING
OUR FUTURE**

**At-A-Glance
Conference Program**

ACORN
Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network

NOVEMBER 12 WEDNESDAY

	Rare Breeds/ Livestock	Farmers' Markets/ Marketing	Farm Wellness	Horticulture
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
9:00 AM	Introduction to Rare Breeds & Heritage Livestock ELWOOD QUINN	Interactive Panel: Market Manager Meets Market Vendor		
9:15 AM	Poultry - Colourful chickens, odd ducks and flying turkeys HARRY STODDART			
10:00 AM	Pigs - What Works For Me ELWOOD QUINN PAM HEATH	Farmers' Markets As A Powerful Advertising Tool MICHELLE SUMMER-FIKE	10:30 AM NS Organic Working Group Meeting	10:30 AM NB Organic Committee Meeting
11:00 AM	Cattle Breeds for the Grass-Fed Farm HARRY STODDART ELWOOD QUINN STACY CORKUM	Part A: Strategies for Successful Product Pricing MICHELLE SUMMER-FIKE		
12:10 PM	Lunch Break			
12:30 PM	<i>Opening Remarks @ Plenary Session:</i> Honouring Our Roots, Sowing Our Future with ALAN STEWART , of Stewart's Organic Farm & Horton Ridge Malting Co.			
1:20 PM	Rare breeds – Moving From a Hobby to a Business HARRY STODDART	Part B: Panel: Pricing MICHELLE SUMMER-FIKE CHRIS BLANCHARD	Labour: Apprentices, Journey-persons, employees, non-English speaking workers... Creating a Team STACY BRENNER & JOHN BLISS	Following Fortier, my experience adopting a minimum-till, raised bed system DAVID GREENBERG
2:25 PM	Organic Sheep: From Lambing to Shearing LORNA McMASTER & HARRY STODDART	Branding (Telling Your Story) MICHELLE SUMMER-FIKE	Bigger Isn't Always Better: Is Scaling Up Right for Your Farm? CHRIS BLANCHARD	Crop Scouting for Organic Agriculture MATT DYKERMAN RACHEL CHEVERIE
3:40 PM	The Role of Homeopathy and Farm Animals JULIE ANNE LEE	Systems for Accountability and Efficiency for Direct Marketers CHRIS BLANCHARD	Using Technology in Farming: How to Make That Smart Phone Work For You STACY BRENNER & JOHN BLISS	CanadaGAP and Organic Agriculture MARC SCHURMAN
4:45 PM	Growing & Grinding Rations for Livestock JACK LAZOR	How To Tell Our Organic Story: Communications & Marketing Training NATHALIE LANDRY	Holistic Health on the Farm (for Farmers!) ROBERTO GUELI	Equipping for Efficiency TIM LIVINGSTONE
5:45 PM	<i>Organic Dairy Discussion Session with JACK LAZOR (RSVP to admin@acornorganic.org)</i>	<i>Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia Fall Meeting</i>	<i>Please note the OACC Research Session has been moved, and will now take place as part of Thursday's Participatory On-Farm Research workshop.</i>	<i>CSA Network Discussion</i>
7:00 PM	Local Organic Mixer at the Halifax Historic Brewery Market			

NOVEMBER 13 THURSDAY

	Beginner Farmer Learning Series	Mixed Fruit	Grain & Field Crops	Specialty Crops
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
8:30 AM	Opening Plenary: Slow Money Financing: Building our Capacity for Capital TOM MANLEY			
9:00 AM	Ten Things to Think About When Getting Started in Market Farming CHRIS BLANCHARD	Season Extension in Organic Strawberry Production (à la Quebecois!) GERARD THEBEAU	Building Soil Fertility by Growing High Quality Hay and Forages JACK LAZOR	Part 1: Growing Great Garlic LENNY LEVINE
10:30 AM	Top Ten Mistakes Organic Producers Make TARA SCOTT	New Biofungicides for Disease Management in Apple, Strawberry and Grape CLAUDE DUBOIS	Managing nutrients and soil health in organic field crop systems DR. DEREK LYNCH & ROSALIE MADDEN	Part 2: Growing Great Garlic LENNY LEVINE
11:45	LUNCH			
1:00 PM	Soil Test 101 DR. AV SINGH	Part 1: Fruits with Organic Potential for the Maritimes DR. BOB BORS	Plant Breeding & Seed Saving (covering OP corn and cereals) JACK LAZOR	Fresh Culinary Herb Production on the Organic Farm CHRIS BLANCHARD
2:05 PM	Considering Alternatives to the Romantic Notion of Land Ownership STACY BRENNER & JOHN BLISS	Part 2: Haskap DR. BOB BORS	Malting Barley DR. AARON MILLS	Growing Organic Seed as a specialty crop: integrating seed into your sales LORNA MCMASTER
3:25 PM	New Farmer Resource Exchange with Lucia Stephen, Severine von Tscharnier and Sara Dent	Part 3: Sour Cherry DR. BOB BORS	Participatory On-farm Research in the Maritimes MARK BERNARD	Flowers and Floristry with Field Gown and Farm Foraged Goods STACY BRENNER & JOHN BLISS
4:30 PM	Grow A Farmer Meet & Greet (networking session for new and wannabe farmers)	Part 4: Saskatoon Berry & Moderated Q & A Session DR. BOB BORS	Growing Corn (for grain) JACK LAZOR	Hops ROSALIE MADDEN
6:00 PM	ACORN's Celebratory, 100% Organic, Locally-Sourced Banquet!			
8:00 PM	KEYNOTE WITH DR. VANDANA SHIVA			

NOVEMBER 14 FRIDAY

	Season Extension	Soil	Complementary Organic	Community Food Skills
Time	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D
8:30 AM	FSC Opening & ACORN Closing Joint Plenary Panel with Dave Decker, Food Fish and Allied Workers; Kerry Prosper, Councillor and former Chief at Paqtn'kek Mi'kmaw Nation; Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians; and Debbie Reimer, Kids Action Program			
10:30 AM (45 min session)	Season Extension Using Low Cost and High Tech (and lots of options in between!) TIM LIVINGSTONE	Fertility Experiments (Bio-Char, Vermi-Compost & Rock Dust) ALEX DENICOLA DR. AV SINGH PETER MAXNER GILBERTE DOELLE	Biodynamic Basics and Composting ROSEMARY TAYLOR	Easy Raw At Home - turn your CSA basket into raw gourmet delights! CHEF LAUREN MARSHALL
11:30 AM	Preparing & Protecting Greenhouses Through Weather Challenges Q & A session NORM EYGENRAAM TIM LIVINGSTONE VINCENT DIERAS PAUL BOURQUE	Organic Principles for Tillage ROGER HENRY	Permaculture Design: Sowing Our Future by Building a Resilient Home and Garden Farm System ALEX DENICOLA	Fall Foods for Winter Well-Being: Preserves as Medicine ROBERTO GUELI & ANKE KUNGL
12:30 PM	LUNCH: ACORN Delegates are welcome to remain and participate in FSC's programming on Friday afternoon, see: http://foodsecurecanada.org/friday for details.			