

2008 Michigan Organic Conference
Living the Organic Lifestyle
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University
February 29 - March 1, 2008
Conference Schedule

Friday, February 29, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Film and Panel Discussion (Auditorium)

“The Organic Opportunity.” Local Food as Economic Development in Woodbury County, Iowa. Filmmaker Chris Bedford and a panel of local policymakers will lead post-film discussion. **(Film Festival continues during each concurrent session on Saturday, March 1.)**

Saturday, March 1

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| 8:00 - 11:00 | Registration (Big Ten B) |
| 8:00 - 6:00 | Exhibits (Big Ten C) |
| 9:00 - 9:45 | Welcome and Keynote Address (Auditorium) Tim LaSalle, CEO, Rodale Institute <i>Organic Agriculture: The Secret Weapon to Fight Global Warming</i> |
| 9:45 - 10:15 | Break and Exhibits (Big Ten B-C) |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Concurrent Sessions 1-7 (Details next page) |
| 11:15 - noon | Concurrent Sessions 8-14 (Details next page) |
| 12:15 - 1:30 | Luncheon and Awards (Big Ten A) |
| 1:45 - 2:30 | Keynote Address (Auditorium) Cheryl Rogowski, N.Y. Organic Farmer & Activist <i>Living the Organic Lifestyle</i> |
| 2:45 - 3:15 | Break and Exhibits (Big Ten C) |
| 3:15 - 4:00 | Concurrent Sessions 15-21 (Details next page) |
| 4:15 - 5:00 | Concurrent Sessions 22-28 (Details next page) |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | Local Organic Foods Reception (Big Ten C) |
| 8:00 - 10:00 | Michigan Organic Music Festival, MetroSpace, East Lansing (\$5 additional with registration) |

Concurrent Sessions

Saturday, March 1

10:15-11:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 1-7

1. National Policy and the Future of Organic Agriculture in Michigan
2. Soil Organic Matter: A National Treasure
3. Organic Poultry – Vegetable System
4. Organic Buying Groups and Cooperatives
5. Why is Organic Better for your Health and the Environment?
6. Fresh Milk and the Cow Share Program
7. Food System Film Festival: *Asparagus: Stalking the American Life*

11:15-noon Concurrent Sessions 8-14

8. Living the Organic Lifestyle
9. Our Great Lakes: The Jewel of the Biosphere
10. Organic Livestock – Fruit Production
11. CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture)
12. Why Purchase Local and Organic?
13. CAFOs and the E. coli Issue
14. Food System Film Festival: *The Water Front*

3:15-4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 15-21

15. Michigan Land Use Policy: The Next 50 Years
16. The Paradox of Organic Pest Management
17. Organic Blueberry Production
18. How to be an Organic Activist
19. Can Organic Agriculture and GMOs be Good Neighbors?
20. Organic Farm Planning
21. Food System Film Festival: *Dimming the Sun*

4:15-5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 22-28

22. Impact of Biofuels on Food Systems
23. How Organic Farmers Can Benefit from Carbon Markets
24. Extending the Michigan Growing Season
25. What Do I Do With This Stuff? (Cooking with organic ingredients)
26. Dairy Products, Growth Hormones and Human Health
27. Role of the Rodale Crimper in Organic No-Till Systems
28. Food System Film Festival: *Talking 'bout Making Culture: Community Supported Agriculture in Michigan*