

Organic Production; Food, Health and Ecosystems

Date November 13 2014

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MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 - 8:45 Welcome Intros - Dr. Swietlik and Dr. Wei
- 8:45 - 8:50 Introduction of Dr. Kathleen Merrigan - by Jill Auburn, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- 8:50 - 9:35 Dr. Kathleen Merrigan - USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (2009-2013). Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute, George Washington University
- 9:35 - 9:45 Questions and Answers
- 9:45 - 9:50 Introduction of Klaas Martens - Organic Farmer by Jill Auburn (NIFA)
- 9:50 - 10:15 Klaas Martens - *A farmer's perspective of the organic industry and research needs across the US*
- 10:15 - 10:25 Questions and Answers
- 10:25 - 10:50 Break and Visit Posters
- 10:50 - 10:55 Introduction of Dr. Mathieu (Mat) Ngouajio - National Program Leader - Division of Plant Production USDA-NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) Jill Auburn, (NIFA)
- 10:55 - 11:25 Mathieu (Mat) Ngouajio - *Organic Research Funding Opportunities*
- 11:25- 11:35 Questions and Answers
- 11:35 - 12:00 Q&A Follow-up With All Speakers. (Audience submitted questions on note cards: Moderated by Jill Auburn, (NIFA)
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH - Posters and Talk by Betsy Rakola - Introduction by Jill Auburn, (NIFA)
Betsy Rakola -- Organic Policy Advisor US Department of Agriculture - *Priorities of USDA Organic Working Group*

Afternoon Session: three panels of UMD, Northeast Area and other speakers

CURRENT AND EMERGING ORGANIC RESEARCH ISSUES

	Genetics	Pest	Fertility	Misc
1:00 -2:00 Fruit/ Vegetables	Dr. Kim Lewers	Dr. Galen Dively	Dr. Guihua Chen	Dr. Cerruti Hooks
2:00-3:00 Grain	NC speaker Chris or Cohort?	Dr. Steven Mirsky Dr. Michel Cavigelli	Dr. Steve Mirsky, Dr. Michel Cavigelli	
3:00-3:15 BREAK				
3:15 – 4:15 Animals	Dr. Steve Smith	Nick Maravell or Dr. Pat Millner	Dr. Heather Darby	Dr. Jude Maul
4:15-4:30	Wrap-up			

