



Organic Connections Conference & Trade Show
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Organic Connections

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On behalf of the Government of Canada, greetings to everyone attending the Organics Connections Conference and Trade Show. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I'd like to welcome everyone who has come from across Canada and the United States to attend this world-class event.

The agriculture and food industry has the potential to drive jobs and growth for Canadians well into the future, and organic farming will play a big role in making that happen. Prairie farmers are growing more organic food than ever, responding to record demand from customers across the country and beyond. With a Canadian market of over \$5 billion, organic products represent one of the fastest-growing agricultural industries in the country. It's not hard to see why the organic sector is attracting more and more young farmers eager to get into this growing market.

Our Government is very supportive of a strong and growing organic agricultural sector in Canada. Over the past three years, we have invested almost \$30 million to help organic growers make the shift to organic production, adopt new technologies, and grab market opportunities. We have contributed over half a million dollars to update the Canadian Organic Standards, which are the backbone of our industry. And this summer, I announced a federal investment of \$8.3 million in a new Organic Science Cluster. This significant investment in innovation will help our organic farmers increase their production to meet growing demand.

I'm proud that our Government is supporting the work of Canada's world-class organic sector. I would like to thank Organic Connections for your great work putting on this important conference and trade show. I look forward to working closely with you to drive even more prosperity for organic farmers, and all Canadians.

Have a great conference and a prosperous season in 2019!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food





It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Organic Connections Conference and Tradeshow, taking place in Saskatoon in Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis.

In Saskatoon, we are home to ground-breaking research that is focused on some of the largest problems facing the world today. One of these problems is food security, as we search out how we can feed a hungry and global world. As the demand for organically-grown crops and produce increases, so too does the need to learn from one another and share best practices.

Over the next couple of days, I wish you all the best for a successful conference. To all of those visiting Saskatoon, I hope that you enjoy your stay and that you are able to eat at our fantastic local restaurants, shop at our many unique stores and malls, and maybe event visit some of our world-class attractions, such as the beautiful Meewasin river valley, the newly-opened Remai Modern Art Gallery, or Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Charlie Clark
Mayor

Welcome to Organic Connections 2018,

Here we are, gathered together for our 8th Biennial Organic Connections Conference and Trade Show. It has been an honor and privilege to work with such a committed volunteer board of directors. Each and every one is passionate about putting together a conference and tradeshow that will add value to your business, improve your farming practice, stimulate your thinking about the future of the organic movement, feed you Canadian grown organic food, and throw a bit of fun into the mix. Thank you!

Consumers' continued and increasing interest in knowing how their food is produced, coupled with the increased availability of organic food and beverages in mainstream grocery stores, big box stores and food services, is driving annual double digit growth in the global organic food and beverage market. This growth provides tremendous opportunity for the organic sector on the Prairies. 'Growing Organics To Meet The Demand' is exactly what we need to do!

The move to Prairieland Park has allowed us to grow the number of trade show exhibitors to 77, a 40% increase over 2016, with a trade show footprint of 18,000 square feet! We are grateful to our sponsors and exhibitors for being a part of growing the show. We also have more speakers than ever before so I know there will be something for everyone.

And last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to OC's staff. Carla Borsa, our new Event Co-ordinator, has brought with her the experience she has gained in leadership positions in the ag sector in the province. Her experience, coupled with her stellar event planning skills, has enabled her to do a stunning job translating the board's vision into this amazing event. And Nadine Collison, who despite moving back home to Victoria, was able to join the team bringing with her the experience of co-ordinating OC in 2016, which was invaluable to the success of this year conference.

Thank you for choosing to attend Organic Connections this year. I hope that you have a fantastic couple of days taking it all in!

Marla Carlson, President
Organic Connections



Who Is “Organic Connections”?

Organic Connections is a non-profit organization established to organize conferences and trade shows for the prairie organic industry. We celebrate organic food and farmers through activities that connect and educate at every level from the farm through to the consumer.

The first Organic Connections Conference was held in November of 2004, 2018 marks the eighth biennial conference.

Acknowledgements

Organic Connections is very thankful for the work of our special volunteers and businesses that have, in a variety of ways, contributed to the success of this event and helped to strengthen organic farming in Prairie Provinces.

Thank you for everything you do!



Organic Connections

The Organic Connections Board

Board members are recognized leaders in the organic sector who want to provide an opportunity for the organic and the wider community tonetwork, market, learn, grow, play and re-connect. They are guided by the vision “to connect the organic community from the producer to the consumer”.

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Zach Bush MD

Board Certified: Endocrinology and Metabolism, Internal Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Care

Topics:

- The Microbiome, The Root Cause of Human Health – Chemical Farming The Root Cause of our Health Crisis
- Farmer's Footprint: A Consumer/Farmer Collaboration for the Healing of our Soil and Children

Zach Bush, MD is one of the few triple board-certified physicians in the country - with expertise in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Metabolism, and Hospice/Palliative care. The breakthrough science that Dr. Bush and his colleagues have delivered offer profound new insights into human health and longevity. In 2012 he discovered a family of carbon-based redox molecules made by bacteria. He and his team subsequently demonstrated that this cellular communication network functions to compensate for glyphosate, and many other dietary, chemical, and pharmaceutical toxins that disrupt our body's

natural defense systems. This science has resulted in a revolutionary class of dietary supplements, including the product, RESTORE. Dr. Bush points to his kids as the driving force behind his passion for change. He is fiercely motivated by a desire to have them experience a much brighter and healthier future. His education efforts provide a grassroots foundation from which we can launch change in our legislative decisions, ultimately up-shifting consumer behavior to bring about radical change in the mega industries of big farming, big pharma, and Western Medicine at large. www.zachbushmd.com, www.restore4life.com



Elaine Ingham, PhD

B Ph.D. in Microbiology, M.S. in Microbiology, B.S. Biology, B.S. Chemistry
Founder & President, Soil Foodweb, Inc, Soil Life Consultant

Topics:

- Weeds, Diseases, Pests, and Poor Fertility are Just Messages from Nature that Life is Lacking in the Soil
- Two Examples of Overcoming Problems that Lead to Poor Production

Dr. Elaine Ingham is recognized around the world as the leader in soil microbiology and research of the soil foodweb. She is an energetic, easy-to-understand speaker who explains why life in the soil is so important. With decades of experience as a professor, researcher, and soil benefactor consulting in the field she has helped thousands of homeowners, growers, and influential companies understand healthy soil via healthy organisms. Elaine transmits sophisticated information in a down-to-earth way. Her mission is to show that the key to making any plant thrive, from the turf on golf courses to vegetables in the garden to orchard trees is to team up with suitable soil microbes. Elaine has astounding results to show for it. Dr. Ingham connects the loop from chemical, biological, to available plant nutrients. her easy and enthusiastic style brings the soil foodweb to life.

Dr. Ingham works with Soil Life Consultants around the world, maintains a website, writes books, writes articles, publishes scientific papers, and gives talks at meetings and symposia around the world. Recently, a benefactor helped Dr. Carole Ann Rollins and Dr. Elaine Ingham buy a research farm in California in order to have a place to perform Proof of Concept trials with the soil food web using many different agricultural approaches. Our research focus is currently on small and medium scale sustainable management of vegetable and pasture systems, on carbon sequestration with agricultural crops where observations of as much as 10 more tons of carbon per acre sequestered per annum have occurred in crop soils, to food forest systems to hydroponics and aquaponics.



Carey Gillam

Topics:

- Decades of Deceit: A Critical Eye on Pesticides, Science and Industry - Revelations from the Monsanto Papers & Other Research
- The Wide Reaching Impacts of the World's Most Used Herbicide

Carey Gillam is a veteran investigative journalist, researcher and writer with more than 25 years of experience covering corporate news, including 17 years as a senior correspondent for Reuters international news service. She has specialty knowledge regarding the rise of biotech crop technology and associated rise in pervasive pesticide use in our food production system. Gillam works now both as a freelance writer and researcher on food and chemical policy issues and directs research for the nonprofit consumer group U.S. Right to Know.

Gillam has won several industry awards for her work and been recognized as one of the top journalists in the country covering food and agriculture. She is a frequent commentator on broadcast programs and appears as a public speaker at conferences and universities to share her knowledge of hotly debated issues involving food and agriculture. Her new book "Whitewash- The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer and the Corruption of Science" was released in October 2017.



Greg Johnson

Tornado Hunter

Topic:

- I'm Just a Tornado Hunter

Greg Johnson, one of North America's top professional storm-chasers and severe weather experts, is also an accomplished photographer, speaker, author, workshop leader and recently a television personality with the CMT series, Tornado Hunters. After graduating from Canada's renowned Acadia University and founding and building a leading successful communications, marketing and advertising firm from the ground up, Greg decided it was time to devote himself full-time to pursuing his passion for capturing nature's most beautiful and deadly displays of severe weather.

Using sophisticated weather-tracking technology, his ability to read severe weather patterns and a team of dedicated sidekicks, Greg has put thousands of kilometers on his Tornado Hunter Trucks, intercepting and documenting hundreds of storms across the United States and Canada since 2011 alone. His recent experiences include documenting and compassionately sharing the aftermath of the massive twisters that devastated Joplin Missouri, Moore Oklahoma and El Reno, Oklahoma. Greg's

skills are now being retained by the outdoor festival industry in order to assist organizers in ensuring their large crowds are kept safe from sudden and severe weather risks. He also lends his extensive knowledge to organizations who wish to educate their outdoor working crews on severe weather safety and protocol.

Greg is the author of the *Blown Away, A Year through the Lens of The Tornado Hunter*, a best seller and gold medal award winner for design. He recently published a second book entitled, *Why is the Sky Green?*, which is already gaining much respect in the photography community. A firm believer in the 'Bucket List' philosophy, Greg's mission is to inspire others to chase their own passions, while sharing and teaching the lessons he has learned from pursuing his. When he's not storm-chasing or speaking, Greg enjoys life at home in Regina, Saskatchewan spending time with his three children, and of course - cheering for his beloved Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Banquet Keynote

Friday, November 2				
Trade Show: 8:00am - 6:00pm				
7:00 - 8:00am	Invitation Breakfast for Sponsors & Trade Show Exhibitors with presentation from Laura Telford – Manitoba Agriculture			
8:00 - 9:30am	Registration			
9:30 - 10:00am	Opening Comments - Marla Carlson, President, Organic Connections			
10:00 - 11:00am	Keynote: Decades of Deceit: A Critical Eye on Pesticides, Science and Industry - Revelations from the Monsanto Papers & Other Research - Carey Gillam Location: Mainstage Hall A			
11:00 - 12:00pm	The Wide Reaching Impacts of the World's Most Used Herbicide - Carey Gillam and Eric Deblieck Location: Mainstage Hall A	Reducing Disturbances and Increasing Diversity on Organic Farms - Jay Fuhrer and Cody Straza Location: Breakout Room 2	Local vs Organic - Is That the Question? Bryn Rawlyk, Will Robbins and Chef Jenni Location: Breakout Room 3	Harvest Weed Seed Management - Clark Brenzil Location: Breakout Room 4
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00 - 2:00pm	Keynote: The Microbiome, The Root Cause of Human Health – Chemical Farming The Root Cause of Our Health Crisis - Dr. Zach Bush Location: Mainstage Hall A			
2:00 - 3:00pm	Tradeshow & Break			
3:00 - 4:00pm	Organic Small Grains Update – Breeding, Seed Saving and Other Innovations - Michael Sligh Location: Mainstage Hall A	Farmer's Footprint: A Consumer/Farmer Collaboration for the Healing of Our Soil and Children - Dr. Zach Bush Location: Breakout Room 2	How Organic Science is Shaping Agriculture - Dr. Andy Hammermeister Location: Breakout Room 3	Breaking Barriers in Agriculture- A Mental Health Conversation - Lesley Kelly Location: Breakout Room 4
4:00 - 5:00pm	Tradeshow & Break			
5:00 - 6:30pm	Platinum Sponsor Receptions Locations: Hall A			
6:30pm	OC Banquet- Featuring Keynote Speaker Greg Johnson- The Tornado Hunter Location: Hall A			



10:00 - 11:00am KEYNOTE: Decade of Deceit: A Critical Eye on Pesticides, Science and Industry Revelations from the Monsanto Papers & Other Research

Keynote Speaker: Carey Gillam (see profile on Page 7)

Room: Main Stage Hall A

Carey Gillam discusses the health and environmental risks that come with a pesticide-dependent food production system, and how corporate power and politics have prioritized profits over people.

She will explore how chemical industry interests, led by Monsanto Co., have engineered and manipulated scientific literature to back the safety of their products, and misled consumers, farmers and lawmakers about pesticide problems.

11:00am - 12:00pm Friday Morning Breakout Sessions

Rooms - Main Stage Hall A, Breakout Room 2, Breakout Room 3, Breakout Room 4

The Wide Reaching Impacts of the World's Most Used Herbicide

Presenters: Carey Gillam (see profile on Page 7) and Eric DeBlieck

Room: Main Stage Hall A

Join our panelists to discuss how glyphosate, the world's most used herbicide, has far-reaching effects in our food streams with the grains and plants we eat, as well as the meat. Carey Gillam, author of *Whitewash*, will be joined by Eric DeBlieck from Grain Millers who will discuss impact of glyphosate on oat product functionality.



Eric DeBlieck
Grain Millers

Eric DeBlieck is a Crop Specialist with Grain Millers, a wholegrain ingredient manufacturer. Eric has been focusing on oat production since the spring of 2013. This focus has allowed him to learn all aspects of production, grain quality, and what makes a great food

ingredient. He uses this knowledge to work with producers and researchers to develop and apply methods to grow quality food ingredients. Eric currently lives in the Minneapolis area but spends most of his time on the road.

Reducing Disturbance and Increasing Diversity on Organic Farms

Presenters: Cody Straza and Jay Fuhrer

Room: Breakout Room 2

A southern Saskatchewan farm's soil health journey. Applying the Soil Health Principles in a systems approach.



Cody Straza
Owner/Operator at Upland Organics

Cody grew up near Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan on a mixed farm. After getting a Bachelor of Engineering and working off the farm for a number of years, he and his wife Allison bought their own farm in the Wood Mountain area in 2010. On their farm they grow mostly Kamut, lentils and flax. Recently they've also grown

spelt, forage peas, yellow mustard and chick peas. Over the last few years there has been a focus shift to soil health. They've started growing diverse cover crops and reducing tillage. Most recently they have partnered with a local rancher to terminate the cover crops with cattle.



Jay Fuhrer

Soil Health Specialist at Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jay Fuhrer is a Soil Health Specialist employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Bismarck, North Dakota. He has boots on the ground the last 38 years working with cropping systems, grazing systems, cover crops, and gardens. Jay also has an extensive background working with groups and entities, such as;

soil and water conservation districts, national and international no-till organizations, watersheds, farm organizations, urban groups, and more. Recently, Jay spends his time at the Menoken Farm minimizing soil disturbance, adding soil armor, maximizing plant diversity, maintaining living roots in the soil, and integrating livestock.

Local vs Organic - Is that the question?

Presenters: Will Robbins, Bryn Rawlyk and Chef Jenni Schrenk

Room: Breakout Room 3

The decisions we need to make when we are shopping for food seem to be on the rise. Paleo, keto, peanut-free, sugar-free, low-fat, transfat-free, non-gmo, local, natural, organic. What does it all mean and how do we make informed choices about what we are putting into our shopping carts. In this session you will hear from the three panelists: a chef, a baker, and a farmer about what they think is most important.



Will Robbins

Maida Vale Farms

Will Robbins (Maida Vale Farms) is a 4th generation farmer from Laura, Saskatchewan. He recently returned to farm with his parents on a mixed organic grain and cattle operation. Will is a graduate of the University of

Saskatchewan with a B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy, and spends his non-working hours playing bike polo, hockey, and enjoying the company of his partner and very adorable son.



Bryn Rawlyk

The Night Oven

Bryn Rawlyk opened The Night Oven Bakery in Saskatoon with the goal of connecting local organic whole grains to his community. The bakery is achieving this by building farmer relationships, sourcing organic grain, stone milling it at the bakery, making who-

legrain sourdough bread in a wood-fired oven, and sharing rustic French inspired pastries that again incorporate Saskatchewan grain. Stone milled flour - Wood fired bread.



Chef Jenni Schrenk

The Local Kitchen

Jenni Schrenk grew up north of La Ronge, SK in a small cabin by a little lake. Her earliest memories are of blueberry picking and exploring on moss covered bedrock. Her first food venture at age 14 was a hamburger stand at the La Ronge airport called Flight Delight.

Jenni moved to Jasper at 16 to work as a live in nanny and to sell fruit at her uncle's stand. The experience cemented her lifelong commitment to feeding people good, clean, locally sourced food.

In 2005 Jenni started New Ground Cafe' in Birch Hills, SK, serving fair trade coffee and a

daily changing menu of seasonal and local cuisine. Art, food and music made this 36 seat eatery a dining destination for out of town customers and a second home for residents. Jenni sold the restaurant in 2012 and moved to Saskatoon to start Chef Jenni Cuisine, a catering venture that has taken her into homes, fields, wild rice camps, forest fires, castles and beyond. In 2017, Jenni took her business vegetarian, other than certain cultural events.

She is based out of The Local Kitchen, where she also teaches cooking classes. Season, her book of stories and recipes, was self published in December 2017.

Harvest Weed Seed Management

Presenter: Clark Brenzil

Room: Breakout Room 4

Managing weed seed return at harvest has been utilized in Australia for many years and continues to evolve. Weeds are the single biggest contributor to crop yield losses and harvest weed seed management has great potential in organic systems. Clark Brenzil will discuss the various strategies being used in Australia with their relative pros and cons..



Clark Brenzil

Provincial Specialist in Weed Control at Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

He provides information and recommendations on weed control and The Weed Control Act to producers, agronomists, government departments and agencies, as well as municipalities.

Mr. Brenzil (Clark) has experience in weed management with the crop protection industry, university research and government. Clark has been the Provincial Specialist in Weed Control with Saskatchewan Agriculture since January 1998. discussion of glyphosate.



1:00 - 2:00pm KEYNOTE: The Microbiome, The Root Cause of Human Health – Chemical Farming The Root Cause of our Health Crisis

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Zach Bush (see profile on Page 6)

Room: Main Stage Hall A

The beginning of health is increasingly understood to involve the myriad of relationships between the Gut-Brain systems. The emerging field of microRNA has revealed extraordinary involvement of the bacteria, fungi, and even the food we eat in regulating our human genome. Here we look at the environmental

threats and the microbiome defense systems for resilient barriers to protect the immunologic systems of the immune systems of the peripheral and central nervous system, and point to practical methods for you and your patients to preserve genomic health through reconnection with our environment.

3:00 - 4:00pm Friday Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Rooms - Main Stage Hall A, Breakout Room 2, Breakout Room 3, Breakout Room 4

Organic Small Grains Update- Breeding, Seed Saving & Other Innovations

Presenter: Michael Sligh

Room: Main Stage Hall A

Come join this workshop to hear about examples of organic farmer-led work with organic small grains. Everything from farmer seed coops, to participatory on-farm plant breeding to value-added and seed saving will be highlighted. There will be plenty of time for questions, and answers, as well as opportunity to discuss the specific challenges facing organic small grain farmers in the Canadian western prairies, as well.



Michael Sligh

Michael Sligh comes from a long-line of West Texas farmers and ranchers and farmed on a large-scale organically for the decade of the 1970's. He went on to help develop US and International Organic legislation and standards thru his work of over 30 years as a Program Director for Rural Advancement Foundation International - (RAFI-USA). Where he manages policy, research and education for the promotion of organic, agro-biodiversity, organic seed development, and a wide-range of food justice, fair trade and other value-added food labeling, policy and marketing issues.

He is currently involved in two new organic

market-based initiatives - Regenerative Organic and New England-based organic farmer effort to address concerns over USDA allowance for hydroponics in organic.

He is a part-time organic farmer and a trained anthropologist. He has been very involved in many aspects of domestic and international agricultural policy and practice development, organizing, food labeling, standards, certification and accreditation work over the years.

Michael is an author and co-author of numerous publications. He lives, farms and works from North Carolina, USA.

Farmer's Footprint: A Consumer/Farmer Collaboration for the Healing of our Soil and Children

Presenter: Dr. Zach Bush (see profile on Page 6)

Room: Breakout Room 2

This talk will provide an overview of the new non-profit organization, Farmer's Footprint that is working to bring science-based education to the American public through a docu-series that follow farmers through their transition from GMO monocrop farming to regenerative soil practices of no-till organic farming. Farmer's footprint brings this community-consumer education tool into parallel with farmer education and financial support to foster the rapid transition of our heartland back to growing the food that our nation is most in need. The movement is inspired by recognizing that with very minimal input from the individual consumer, we can create a very powerful economic incentive to transform US agriculture -- finally overcoming the political stalemate that has kept our national Farm Bill in lockstep with the chemical ag lobby – food for the people, by the people.

How Organic Science is Shaping Agriculture

Presenter: Dr. Andy Hammermeister

Room: Breakout Room 3

Organic agriculture and food is growing rapidly at home and around the world. Organic science is also continuing to push the organic movement forward by challenging norms, validating the positive impacts of organic management and providing innovative solutions to production challenges that are adopted by all farmers. Here we will discuss how science contributes “culture of innovation” and “continuous improvement toward best practice” features of Organic 3.0.



Dr. Andy Hammermeister

Director at Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada, Dalhousie University

Raised on a mixed farm in SE Saskatchewan Andy's passion for sustainable management of our landscape led him to study soil science, land reclamation and applied ecology before turning his attention toward organic agriculture. Over the last 15 years with the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada, Andy

has collaborated in a wide range of research and science communication projects across Canada and has become the director of the OACC in 2010. Through this role, Andy is the Science Director for the national Organic Science Cluster program.

Breaking Barriers in Agriculture- A Mental Health Conversation

Presenter: Lesley Kelly

Room: Breakout Room 4

Can you imagine that having one conversation can change someone's life? After sharing a live video this past summer of her and her husband's stories of dealing with mental health on the farm that created a conversation within and outside agriculture and around the world, Lesley will speak to what sparked them to create the video, her and her husband's journey together on mental wellness and how it's helped them, their team and farm, what she's learnt about herself, and the power behind how one conversation and story can break barriers.



Lesley Kelly

Lesley is the head and heart behind the blog, High Heels & Canola Fields with the goal of building community, creating conversation and help make agriculture stronger. She grew upon her family's grain farm at Watrous, Saskatchewan and after gaining an education in marketing and accounting, went on to work in various marketing and branding positions in the ag sector, such as Cargill, ATB Financial, Farm Credit Canada and is currently the Brand Manager at WorkHorse Hub. Using her entrepreneurial spirit and the skills developed through her agribusiness career, she created a snack food business using the barley grown on her farm. In December 2015, she started her blog in hopes to dispel myths and bring consumers and farmers together. In 2017, she expanded her reach by joining the Farmer and the City Girl podcast which explores

various topics in food and farming through real life conversations. Advocating for mental health is near to her heart and in 2018, she was part of the #BellLetsTalk campaign and co-founded the Do More Agriculture Foundation whose mission is to break barriers and create a culture where all producers are encouraged, empowered and supported to take care of their mental well-being. She was recently was the recipient of the YWCA's Regina Women of Distinction award for her advocacy in mental health. She isn't afraid to tackle any conversations within agriculture and through storytelling, photography and her love of ag, she's attracted a loyal fan base in the thousands across the world. Her and her husband live in Regina where they raise their two young boys.



6:30pm BANQUET KEYNOTE: I'm Just a Tornado Hunter

Keynote Speaker: Greg Johnson (see profile on Page 7)

Room: Main Stage Hall A

Greg's most popular presentation is on Legacy. It is entitled I'm just a Tornado Hunter, and it is a tongue-in-cheek approach to how we view our careers, our passion, our lives - and how it is so important to leave the best legacy we can during our brief time here. Using the jaw dropping imagery he has collected from years in the field, Greg tells the story of how he got to

where he is today; chasing his passion, chasing tornados, seeking freedom and joy, following a 'bucket-list' philosophy and encouraging others to do the same. The presentation is simultaneously serious and hilarious; always compelling, and leaves audience members awestruck.

Saturday, November 3

Trade Show: 8:00am - 4:00pm

8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote: Weeds, Diseases, Pests, and Poor Fertility are Just Messages from Nature that Life is Lacking in the Soil - Dr.Elaine Ingham Location: Hall A Mainstage			
9:30 - 10:00am	Tradeshow & Break			
10:00 -11:00am	Two Examples of Overcoming Problems that Lead to Poor Production - Dr. Elaine Ingham, Tannis Axten and Allison Squires Location: Mainstage Hall A	Do it Yourself Research - A Quick Guide to Doing Research on Your Farm - Dunling Wang, Lena Syrovoy and Iris Vaisman Location: Breakout Room 2	Green Manures, Tillage, and Soil Health - Dr. Carolyn Marshall Location: Breakout Room 2	Market Gardens Today: The Good, the Bad, and How it is Changing - Dennis Skoworodko, Don Kizlyk and Keith Neu Location: Breakout Room 4
11:00 -12:00pm	Organics from Fringe to Mainstream - Challenges and Opportunities Ahead - Michael Sligh Location: Mainstage Hall A			
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00 - 1:15pm	Greetings - Garry Johnson, President of SaskOrganics and Jim Robbins, President of Organic Federation of Canada Location: Mainstage Hall A			
1:15 - 2:00pm	How to Grow Your Operation and Meet the Demand for Canada Organic - Tia Loftsgard and Marla Carlson Location: Mainstage Hall A			
2:00 - 2:30pm	Tradeshow & Break			
2:30 - 3:30pm	Are You Fit to Farm? Shifting from a Culture of Toughness to One of Sustainable Health - Kathryn Hossack Location: Mainstage Hall A	Adapting to Climate Change on the Canadian Prairies - Dr. David Sauchyn and Dr. Amber Fletcher Location: Breakout Room 2	The Review of the Organic Standards - Have your Say! - Nicole Boudreau Location: Breakout Room 3	Progress in Research on Tillage, Rotation, Intercropping, and Cover Crops Under Organic Management - Dr. Myriam Fernandez Location: Breakout Room 4
3:30 - 4:00pm	Trade Show & Break			



8:30 - 9:30am KEYNOTE: Weeds, Diseases, Pests, and Poor Fertility are Just Messages from Nature that Life is Lacking in the Soil

Keynote Speaker: Dr.Elaine Ingham (see profile on Page 6)

Room: Main Stage Hall A

The organisms which comprise the soil food web, how each group benefits plant growth, especially with regard to reducing weeds, diseases, pests and poor fertility will be explained. Once the mechanisms by which living soils bring about these

benefits are understood, then it is easy to comprehend how some current organic practices prevent these problems from being solved. Methods to solve these problems using biological approaches will then be discussed.

10:00 - 11:00am Saturday Morning Breakout Sessions

Rooms - Main Stage Hall A, Breakout Room 2, Breakout Room 3, Breakout Room 4

Two Examples of Overcoming Problems that Lead to Poor Production

Presenters: Dr. Elaine Ingham (see profile on Page 6), Tannis Axten and Allison Squires

Room: Main Stage Hall A

Two examples of organic farms that were about to return to using conventional ag methods, and how this was prevented, will be discussed. By replenishing soil life, weeds, diseases, pests and lack of fertility were reduced and eventually overcome.



Tannis Axten
Axten Farms

Tannis Axten farms with her husband, Derek, at Minton, Saskatchewan. She has a Bachelor of Education with a Major in Biology. Tannis began farming with her husband in 2002 and has now found a way put her education to good use. Tannis completed four online courses offered by Dr. Elaine Ingham to further her knowledge on the soil food web, making compost and identifying microbiology in the soil. She then had the opportunity to spend

5 days of hands-on- training with Dr. Ingham. A microscope is used to assess their soils and the quality of their compost, teas and extracts. In order to restore the soil food web, Tannis determines what soil biology is lacking. They then work to create compost that can increase the diversity of biology within the soil. The microscope has become an invaluable tool on their farm.



Allison Squires
Owner/Operator at Upland Organics

Allison is an owner and operator of Upland Organics, an organic grain farm located near Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan, with her husband Cody and three children. She is very interested in learning about new techniques and methods to improve the quality of their food production. Upland Organics has been

certified organic for over a decade and produce several crop types including pulses, cereals, and oilseeds. Over the last few years they've been learning more about the importance of improving the health of their soils and have started growing diverse cover crops and reducing tillage.

Do it Yourself Research - A Quick Guide to doing Research on Your Farm

Presenters: Dunling Wang, Lena Syrovoy and Iris Vaisman

Room: Breakout Room 2

Are you interested in conducting experiments on your farm? From testing whether a new amendment improves soil fertility, to determining if specific practices are exacerbating weed problems, on-farm research can help you determine what's working in your operation and what's not. Learn the basic how-tos of on-farm research and the resources that are available to help in this panel presentation.



Dunling Wang, PhD, PAg

Provincial Specialist at Alternative Cropping Systems and works at the Crops and Irrigation Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture in Regina

His major responsibility is to provide advice and technical supports to alternative cropping systems, particularly, the growth of organic agriculture in Saskatchewan. His expertise includes soil fertility management, crop rotation, and organic crop production.

Dunling was raised in China. He obtained his BSc degree in soil science from Nanjing Agricultural University, and received his MSc and PhD from Department of Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Previously, Dun-

ling worked as a research program manager at the Research Branch and managed the research work in areas of soil, environment, horticulture and alternative crops. Before that, Dunling was a research scientist at the National Research Council Canada, where he led a water research group to study water treatment and quality monitoring in municipal infrastructures, including drinking water distribution systems, storm water retention ponds and wastewater treatment facilities.



Lena Syrovoy

Research Officer for Agronomy and Weed Ecology Program at the University of Saskatchewan

She completed her masters degree at the U of S in the same program, and her bachelors at the University of British Columbia, where she focused in integrated pest management (IPM). She has more than 15 years' experience

in crop production research and extension, working previously in the non-profit sector, at AAFC, and directly with farmers.



Iris Vaisman

Prairie Organic Grain Initiative and Organic Alberta Program Manager and Prairie Regional Coordinator for the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security

Iris has the joy of partnering with farmers, researchers, industry, government, and various stakeholders to work on diverse projects that span across the Prairies. The projects aim to contribute to the resiliency of organic grain production systems and seed systems. Before

taking on these roles, Iris worked at the University of Manitoba as a research technician, working on research that included participatory plant breeding, cover crops, organic no-till, and soil fertility.

Green Manures, Tillage, and Soil Health

Presenter: Dr. Carolyn Marshall

Room: Breakout Room 3

Organic agriculture has a few vocal critics that focus on the 'over-reliance' on tillage to control weeds and incorporate organic amendments. One way to reduce tillage in organic production systems is to use no-till termination on green manures. This leaves a mulch covering the soil surface, creating non-mechanical weed control, reducing costs, and improving soil health. However, research of no-till green manure termination has not looked very closely at how this unique system actually impacts soil health. My research and the broader pool of research in organic production systems indicates the same soil health benefits seen in conventional no-till systems do not necessarily carry over into no-till organic systems that incorporate green manures in rotation and that the use of green manures and other organic amendments could make organic systems more resilient to the disturbance caused by tillage.



Dr. Carolyn Marshall

Dr. Carolyn Marshall is a recent PhD graduate from Dalhousie University where she is currently a post-doctoral fellow in the Atlantic Soil Health Lab. She grew up in Nova Scotia and started studying plant/herbivore interactions at Acadia University and then moved

lower down to study plant/soil interactions at UBC and did my field research in grasslands in the Yukon. After moving back to Nova Scotia she became increasingly interested in agriculture and food supply and used her plant/soil knowledge to move into agricultural research.

Market Gardens Today: The Good, the Bad, and How it is Changing

Presenters: Don Kizlyk, Dennis Skoworodko and Keith Neu

Room: Breakout Room 4

The challenges of Organic Market Gardening and how markets are changing and things that can be done to continue to be sustainable and successful.



Don Kizlyk

My wife, Donna, and I operated a certified organic vegetable market garden 19 kilometers north of Wadena. We have gardened since 1989, and took the steps to become certified in 2001. In 2016 we were honoured to receive the Organic Heroes award from the Organic Connections.

We are working towards being retired, so in 2018 we are now down to 2 acres. We have reduced the amount of vegetables that we grow, as well as what we are growing. With 2 acres I still find it keeps me very busy during the summer.



Dennis Skoworodko

Owner at Our Farm

I am the owner of Our Farm, which is a two acre market garden located in the Hamlet of Furdale. We are Certified Organic growers and our garden produces 40 types of vegetables with over 130 different varieties. Our produce is sold through CSA subscriptions, a farmer's market which we hold in summer/fall on Saturdays at Broadway and 8th Street in Saskatoon, online ordering, a few restaurants and some resellers.

I had a career in sales for over 28 years, and then I felt it was time to do something that was really important, and what could be more

important than food? Due to health issues, we started taking what we eat much more seriously which guided us to a search for healthy and TASTY food. I have always loved good food and as we transitioned our diet to what we felt was a healthier way of eating – a more plant-based diet - we realized that taste was lacking in so many of the veggies we were buying. We started Our Farm in 2015 to grow tasty, nutritious food. Our non-GMO vegetables are grown without chemical sprays/fertilizers.



Keith Neu

Keith was born in Star City in 1958; however, his family moved to Hudson Bay when he was five. Keith started out as a 'conventional' farmer in the early 1980's but was forced into bankruptcy along with many other young farmers before the end of the decade. Keith's father continued to farm during the downturn and made the decision to 'go organic' rather than continuing to pour money into pesticides and fertilizers when there was little or no benefit in doing so. Following a brief stint in the Alberta oil patch, Keith returned home to take over the farm after his father retired and be-

came Certified Organic in 1990.

In the spring of 2006, Keith attended a meeting in Prince Albert that was organized by Food Secure Saskatchewan. Those who attended were concerned about the quality of the food on the market, the chemicals used to produce this food, and who controlled the food supply. Keith was able to address these concerns by starting his own Community Shared Agriculture Project called the Etomami Community Organic (ECO) Farm.

11:00 - 12:00pm Saturday Morning
Room - Main Stage Hall A

Organics from Fringe to Mainstream - Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

Presenter: Michael Sligh (see profile on Page 12)

Come hear about efforts in the US and elsewhere, where new market-based initiatives are emerging to address some of the current gaps in our organic model – Regenerative Organic is piloting on US farms this year to test new standards for soil-building and carbon sequestration, as well as linking existing fair trade, food justice and animal welfare standards to these piloting certified organic farms. Additionally, a New England-based organic farmer initiative is testing additional market claims for certified organic farms that wish to verify "soil-based and enhanced animal welfare standards" to address gaps in current US National Organic Program.

1:15 - 2:00pm Saturday Afternoon Panel

Room - Main Stage Hall A

How to Grow Your Operation and Meet the Demand for Canada Organic

Presenters: Tia Loftsgard and Marla Carlson

Discover consumer perceptions and demand for Canada organic products at home and in export markets. Learn more about export market opportunities for Canada Organic and the barriers and opportunities to competitiveness in the global market place.



Marla Carlson

Executive Director at SaskOrganics

Marla Carlson has worked in the organic sector in Saskatchewan since 2006 and has been eating organic food for longer than she wishes to admit! Her passion for organic food and farming has grown as her involvement in the sector deepened. Marla's day job is with SaskOrganics' as their Executive Director. In this leadership role, she is always looking for innovative ways to fulfil the organizations mission to cultivate a healthier world for the benefit of all through organic food and agriculture. Marla's favourite project to help further this vision, hands down, is Abundance magazine,

a quarterly opportunity to tell the good story organics has to tell in Saskatchewan, from seed to fork.

Marla is also Secretary to the Prairie Organic Development Fund and is an observer on the Organic Value Chain Roundtable. She also serves as a director on two food related community initiatives in Regina – Every Bite Project and Food Regina. Marla has been a director with Organic Connections since 2011 and President since 2015.



Tia Loftsgard

Executive Director at Canada Organic Trade Association

With extensive experience working in the organic food industry, Tia co-founded Camino (La Siembra Co-operative) in 1999, going on to become the organic and Fairtrade cocoa company's Director of Sales until 2009, when she joined Fairtrade Canada. As its Business Development and Licensing Director, she led strategy, building the not-for-profit's membership

base and encouraging sustainable & ethical sourcing standards. In 2013, she moved over to Fairtrade America, where as its Chief Operating Officer, she successfully developed advocacy initiatives and grew U.S. market opportunities for small farmers via the Fairtrade model. Tia joined COTA as the Executive Director in March 2016.

2:30 - 3:30pm Saturday Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Rooms - Main Stage Hall A, Breakout Room 2, Breakout Room 3, Breakout Room 4

Are You Fit to Farm? Shifting from a Culture of Toughness to One of Sustainable Health

Presenter: Kathyn Hossack

Room: Main Stage Hall A

It's not uncommon to meet a farmer or employee of ag related professions dealing with chronic pain, ongoing health complaints, and an unstoppable attitude of toughness. Yet, one has to wonder if any of that is benefitting the industry. In this discussion we'll look at where chronic pain and disease stem from, why toughing them out doesn't serve you (and how it only hinders you), and how to shift towards sustainable, daily change which enables long term health and wellness on the farm.



Kathyn Hossack

I thrive on teaching and empower others, and having been an athlete most of my life I was drawn to a career in health where I was able to use the power of movement to improve human health in all it's facets.

I write a regular column in GrainNews on being Fit to Farm, and members of the agricultural community are a common occurrence as consulting and therapy clients. I work with farm communities across the country with a focus on individual and group health and wellness. In 2015 I graduated with my BSc. in Kinesiolo-

gy, and soon after that certified nationally as an Athletic Therapist. In the clinic my practice is focused on the whole body. There is no cookie cutter approach to rehabilitation, training, or health – and every person is different. Pain is the result of something not working properly, but the location of pain is rarely the answer. My passion is helping people rebuild their movement and their health, regardless of what their goals are.

Adapting to Climate Change on the Canadian Prairies

Presenters: Dr. David Sauchyn and Dr. Amber Fletcher

Room: Breakout Room 2

On the Canadian Prairies, the strongest signal of warming climate is a significant rise in minimum temperatures. This mostly benefits agriculture. Other consequences of climate change, including the amplification of extreme weather, are less favourable. The resilience of agricultural ecosystems, to withstand climate extremes and change, is ensured through the proper management of soil and water. The best farming practices represent both adaptation to climate change and the foundation of sustainable agriculture.



Dr. Amber Fletcher

Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Studies at the University of Regina

Her research examines the social and gender dimensions of climate change and public policy with particular focus on agriculture and rural communities. Amber has served as a delegate and consultant to the United Nations on issues of gender and environment. She

holds two medals from the Governor General of Canada for her work on gender equality issues. Amber's edited book, *Women in Agriculture Worldwide* (with Dr. Wendee Kubik), was published by Routledge in 2016.



Dr. David Sauchyn

Director at Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative at the University of Regina

His main research interests are 1) the climate and hydrology of the past millennium and how this knowledge of the past can inform our understanding of future climate and water supplies, and 2) planned adaptation to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change on the natural capital of western Canada. During 2011-16, Dave co-direct-

ed an interdisciplinary study of the vulnerability of agricultural communities to climate extremes in Chile, Argentina, Colombia and Brazil and the Canadian Prairies. He has accepted the task of lead author of the Prairies chapter of the current national assessment of climate change.

The Review of the Organic Standards - Have your Say!

Presenter: Nicole Boudreau

Room: Breakout Room 3

The review of the Canadian Organic Standards has to be done every five years; but it remains an enigmatic process for many certified operators; Nicole Boudreau will explain how it works, will present the proposed modifications that will be voted on and explain how you can comment and participate in the process. This is your production standard! Come and join the conversation!



Nicole Boudreau

Manager at Organic Federation of Canada

Nicole Boudreau is a biologist and a communicator; she manages the Organic Federation of Canada since 2007, being involved in the management of the Organic Science Cluster Projects (1-2-3) in

cooperation with OACC, and the maintenance and interpretation of the Canadian Organic Standards.

Progress in Research on Tillage, Rotation, Intercropping, and Cover Crops Under Organic Management

Presenter: Dr. Myriam R. Fernandez

Room: Breakout Room 4

Highlights of findings from some recently completed and ongoing organic field projects at the Swift Current Research and Development Centre will be presented. These will include results from tillage, diversified crop rotations, intercropping, and cover crop blend trials.



Dr. Myriam R. Fernandez

Scientist at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Dr. Myriam R. Fernandez has worked as a research scientist for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at the Swift Current Research and Development Centre (SCRDC), SK for 30 years. She holds a BSc from York University and MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Toronto.

She has been leading a multidisciplinary organic research program at SCRDC for over the last 10

years. Its objectives have included investigating disease reactions of cereal species and varieties grown organically, comparing crop diseases between organic and non-organic systems, and effectiveness of reducing tillage and benefits of diversified crop rotations, cover crops and intercropping on crop productivity and soil and crop health under organic management.

Organic Hero 2018 Mark Gimby

Mark Gimby has worked with the Saskatchewan organic industry for over 40 years and is a founding member of Organic Connections. He says that the thing that has kept him going all these years is working with the creative, intrepid and often wonderfully crazy people that make up this community.

Raised on a mixed farm at Marsden Saskatchewan Mark harkens back to a time when kids walked through the fields to the one room school house, families danced old time dances on the weekend at the small town halls and people got together for work bees whenever there was a job too big for one person. Rural folks mostly grew and raised their own food back in those days, and knew how to entertain themselves. There was a very powerful sense of community.

Graduating from the School of Agriculture in 1977 he began work at the Saskatchewan Research Council in 1978. Mentoring under people like Ewen Coxworth, Stan Roe and Andy Rutherford he worked on projects all over Saskatchewan that looked at the viability of organic farming techniques.

In the '90's Mark had the opportunity to partner with CUSO and travel to Central America where he met with local Indigenous people in their surroundings. Some of them walked 2 days through jungle to meet and discuss ways to develop markets for their crops.

Through working as a researcher and doing organic inspections Mark had the great good fortune of visiting budding organic farms across the prairies. He took part in the burgeoning industry from its infancy to where it stands today. He has had the immense pleasure of working with three generations of some organic farm families. He headed up the development of the Organic Products Information Service on projects aimed at linking producers with international markets.

In 1980 Mark joined Growers International Organic Sales where he currently works as an organic grain buyer. Mark lives in Saskatoon with his wife Mona. They enjoy their ever expanding family, traveling and playing old time music. As members of Permaculture Saskatchewan they take part in Permacultures and have recently established their own Permaculture garden. They are also actively involved with the Ness Creek Festival site, volunteering at various events and supporting the Ness Creek Forest Garden.



Organic Hero 2018

Debbie Miller

Debbie and her husband Ian moved to the Miller family farm at Lisieux in 1979. By 1990 farming wasn't fun anymore. They were poisoning their land and themselves with their intensive chemical use. This was not an environment they wanted for their children, Dustin and Nancy. They bit the bullet and began the transition to organic production. By 1993 all 1100 acres were 100% certified organic. Farming was fun again.



At that time there was very little information available on how to farm organically. Synergy magazine published a story about an organic farmer located in southern Saskatchewan. Ian found his number and called him. Together they founded OCIA chapter #8 to make it easier for farmers to share information. The chapter attracted so many like-minded farmers that Debbie quit her day job and became the first chapter administrator. Debbie learned at a young age that if you see something that needs doing – you do it. She saw a need for people to help in setting up new organizations and to work on organic standards, certification and accreditation systems. So, she did it. Her work took her to several interesting places across Canada and around the world. She visited farms growing everything from coffee to beans to rice. Witnessing the strength and endurance of farmers everywhere was a humbling experience. She learned there were really no differences at all.

Sample of Debbie's organic involvement:

- Organic Connections Founding President
- International Organic Accreditation Service (IOAS) accreditation committee
- Member first Organic Value Chain Round Table
- Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) International President as well as service on several international level committees
- FOAM Accredited Certification Bodies Association Founding President
- Columnist for Canadian Organic Growers Magazine
- Editor, Organic Alberta magazine
- Saskatchewan Organic Directorate (SOD) Administrator, Board member, Chair of Production Manual Committee, and Food Miles Committee
- Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) voting member
- OCIA Canada Regional Manager
- SOD Organic Agriculture Protection Fund (OAPF) Advisor
- Organic Ag Centre of Canada (OACC) Board Member
- U of S Trade/Market Analyst Steering Committee Member
- U of S Prairie Research Coordinator Steering Committee Member
- Canada-Ukraine Farm Program: project consultant/partner
- Invited guest to Terra Madre slow food conference in Italy
- Organic Regulatory Committee member
- Canadian National Organic Coalition (CNOCC) founding member
- Organic Alberta Finance and Member Services Manager

Ian passed away in 2012. Debbie left the farm and moved to Alberta to work with Organic Alberta. She enjoys living closer to her daughter Nancy and is delighted that her son Dustin and family have moved back to the farm and are re-imagining it in new and wonderful ways.

Organic Hero 2018 Arnold Taylor

I was born and raised on a farm east of Kenaston Saskatchewan. We started farming conventionally in 1972. We have an organic grain and beef operation since 1992 with our son, his wife and family. I have been involved with the organic industry in the following Capacities:

- Former National President of Canadian Organic Growers
- Past President of Saskatchewan Organic Directorate
- Chair of SaskOrganics/Organic Agriculture Protection Fund
- Former Saskatchewan Representative on Organic Federation of Canada
- Former Vice President of the Organic Federation of Canada
- Voting member of the C.G.S.B. Expert Committee on Organic Agriculture
- On the SOD Food Miles Committee
- Founding Board member of Organic Connections Conference
- Twice Past President of the Kenaston Lions Club



I was first certified in 1992 and at that time and in subsequent years I used the statement “organics put the fun back into farming”. It is still fun!

Thank you for attending. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!



Organic Connections

Young Organic Heroes 2018 Marilyn and Allen Zak

Zak Organics is a fourth generation family-run farm and producer of certified organic snacks owned and operated by Allen & Marilyn Zak and sons. Located in southern Saskatchewan, the Zak farm has been in the family for over a century and its 7,500+ acres of land has been certified organic since 2011. We grow such crops as spring wheat, khorasan wheat, peas, lentils and flax. A variety of other crops, such as alfalfa, clover, forage peas, vetch and buckwheat are utilized in the rotations to improve soil health. Seed timing, seeding density and crop rotation are tools to combat weed and disease pressure. Farming organically means that we need to work with the land and mother nature. Our methods of farming help protect not only the soil; but the air, water, insects and animals in our fields and community. The final product produced by our farm is a premium quality product. The consumer recognizes that it healthy and appreciates that it does not contain unwanted chemical residues that may negatively effect their health.

We created Zak Organics Food Co. in 2015. It began with a desire for a simple high-energy snack without the bad fats, high sodium and additives found in traditional “junk food”. When we couldn’t find what we were looking for, the Zak family decided to create our own healthy snacks using products from our own farm.

In 2016, Zak Organics launched its first line of organic snacks, made from dried whole green peas. The nutrient dense snacks are made from perfectly toasted whole green peas rich in protein, seasoned in a crispy coating of fresh herbs and spices. In addition to being certified USDA and Canada Organic, all products are free from trans-fat, cholesterol, MSG, GMOs, dairy, gluten, nuts, and artificial flavours, colours or preservatives. Every bite of Zak Organics Crunchy Peas delivers an amazing nutty crunch, the delicious taste of a potato chip, with a bold burst of sophisticated flavours. Available in a variety of flavours, Zak Organics snacks can be found in natural and specialty food stores and major retail locations across Canada.

Being on the front lines of the food business has been exhilarating. Through farmers markets, trade shows and store tastings we are dealing directly with thousands of consumers. It has been very rewarding to meet the people that are consuming our snacks, to hear what is important to them and what they are concerned about. With all the information available, it is more important than ever to connect with consumers to tell the story of where our food comes from. We are using this opportunity to educate consumers on the positive health benefits to buying organic food and the important work the organic associations are doing to help protect the safety of what we eat.



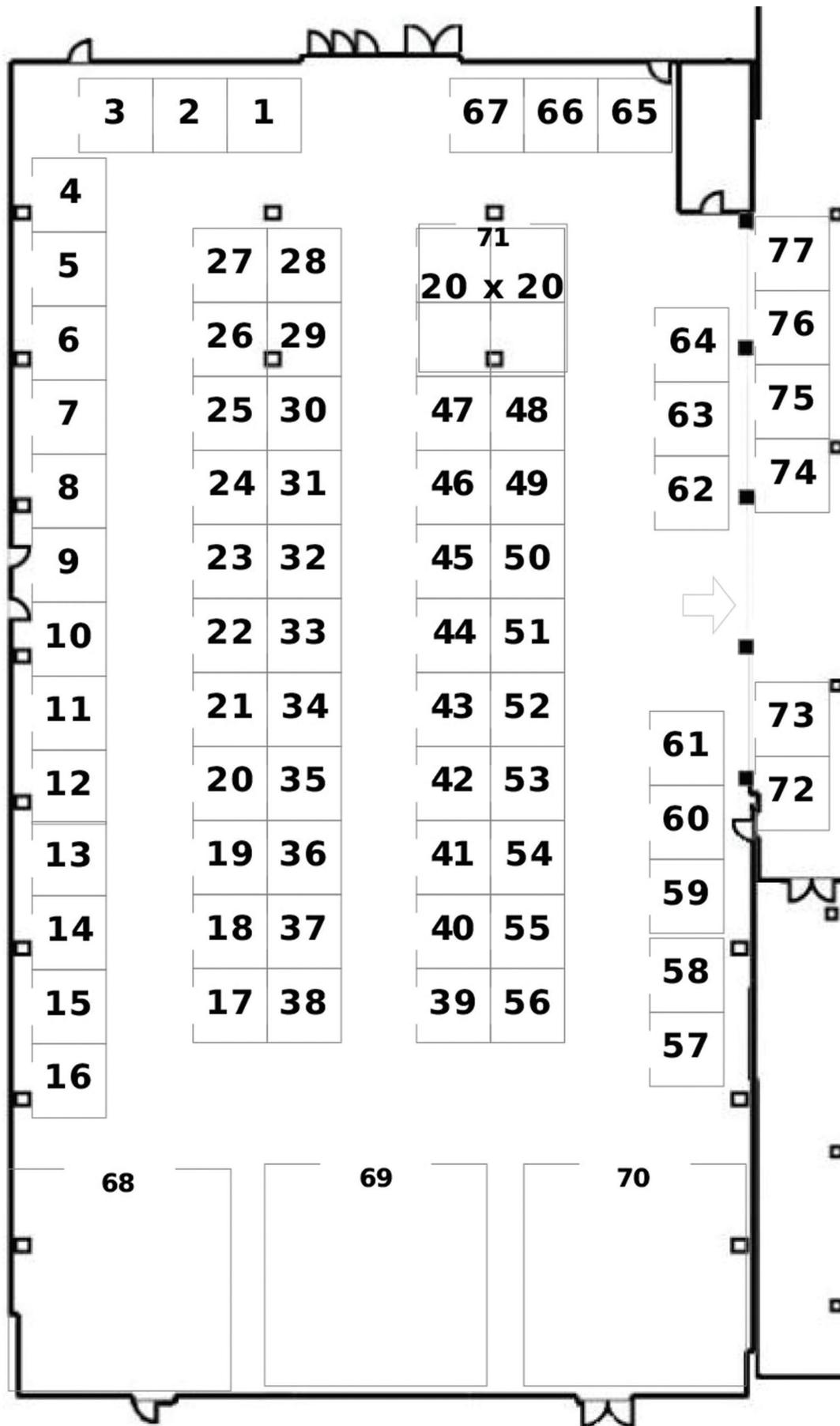
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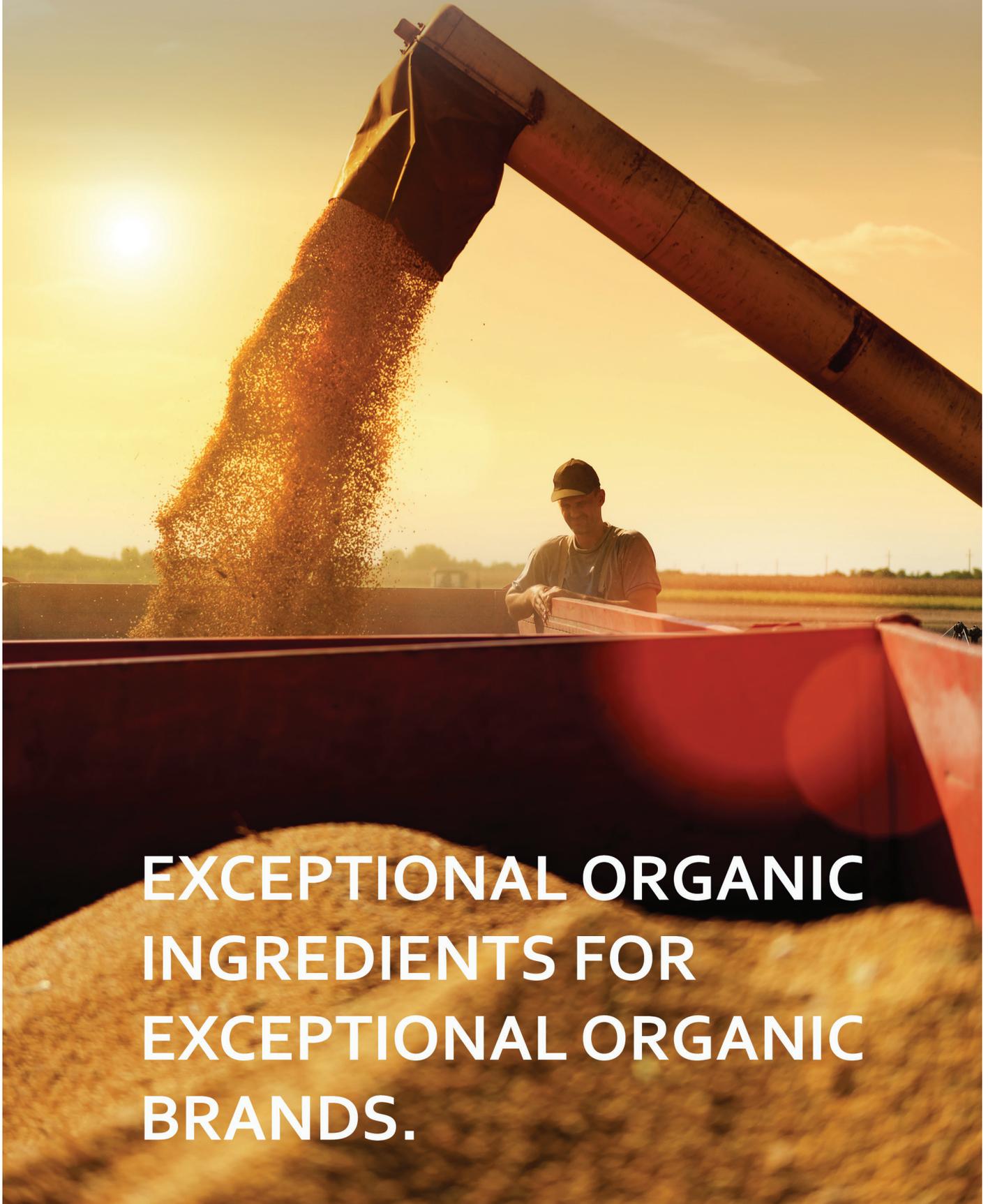
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