



Organic Agriculture Symposium: Fundamentals for Professionals **October 28 and December 2, 2008**

The Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC) is collaborating with provincial organic specialists from across the country to host a symposium for agricultural professionals across Canada. This project is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's 'Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food' (ACAAF) program and being developed in partnership with the Canadian Farm Business Management Council. CCA credits have been applied for.

Symposium schedule

Tuesday October 28, 2008: Introduction to Organic Agriculture

- marketing organic products
- production economics
- transitioning to organic agriculture
- organic regulations, standards, and certification

Tuesday December 2, 2008: Organic Production Systems

- philosophy of organic production
- managing soil fertility and health
- grain cropping systems
- horticulture cropping systems
- livestock production systems

Please view the full conference program online at:

<http://www.oacc.info/symposia/welcome.asp>

How to participate

Regional symposium locations are being set up across the country. All conference presentations will also be broadcast live online in both French and English. Participants are encouraged to attend regional meetings for full participation. You will have the opportunity to network with other local agricultural specialists and regional organic experts will be available to answer your questions. Refreshments will be provided. If in-person attendance is not possible you may attend on the web via web conferencing. A computer with a Windows Operating System and a flash-enabled web browser, speakers or headset and either a dial-up or high speed internet connection is all that is needed.

Registration

You may register for the symposium online by visiting our website at:

<http://www.oacc.info/symposia/welcome.asp>

For more information about this event please contact:

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Supporting partner:



Featuring

- ❖ **Gunta Vitins**, VP Marketing, Sunopta Food Group
 - ❖ **Rupert Jannasch**, Transition Specialist, ACORN
 - ❖ **Loic Dewavrin**, Longpres Farm
 - ❖ **Wolfgang Pfenning**, Pfenning's Organic Farm
 - ❖ **Janine Gibson**, Executive Secretary, Organic Federation of Canada and Director representing the Organic Food Council of Manitoba
 - ❖ **Ralph Martin**, OACC
 - ❖ **Frederic Theriault**, Les Fermes Tournesol
 - ❖ **Harvey Snow**, Snow Farms, BC
 - ❖ **Martin Entz**, Professor, Dept of Plant Science, University of Manitoba
 - ❖ **Anne Macey**, Chair Livestock Working Group, CGSB Organic Agriculture Technical Committee
 - ❖ **Ted Soudant**, Field Gate Organics
- And others**