



**prairie organic  
grain initiative**



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and Food Sciences

**Date: June 16, 2016**

**Location: Ian N. Morrison Research Farm, Carman, Manitoba**

**Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**Cost: \$159.60 (includes lunch, 12 months of online support, follow-up training session in 2017)**

**Registration is limited to 75 people**

**Certified Education Units for the Certified Crop Adviser program available**

In partnership with the Prairie Organic Grain Initiative, the University of Manitoba will be offering a training program for agronomists who are interested in providing agronomic advice to organic and ecological farmers. The purpose of this program is to train agronomists, and farmers, who wish to become full-time or part-time extension agronomists, in the art and science of organic grain production.

This year-long program involves an initial in-person meeting on June 16, 2016, followed by support throughout the next 12 months. This support involves direct access to instructors and to each other through social media. Participants will be equipped with data-gathering and decision support tools at the June 2016 meetings. These tools will enable agronomists to take a systematic and comprehensive approach when working with farmer clients. Participants will meet again in June 2017 to report on progress in organic crop advising; to share experiences with other agronomists and to suggest improvement to decision support resources.

### **Themes**

- **Crop and soil advising strategies to serve organic farmers**
- **What does it take to be an effective adviser for ecological and organic grain production?**
- **Training on use of new farm and field nutrient management tool developed specifically for prairie organic farmers**
- **Managing critical nutrient deficiencies in organic production**
- **Strategies to manage perennial and annual weeds in organic grain production**
- **Variety selection in organic grain production**

### **Presenters**

- **Martin Entz**
- **Joanne Thiessen-Martens**
- **Keith Bamford**
- **Gary Martens**
- **Katherine Stanley**
- **Others**