

ORGANIC AGRONOMY TRAINING - 2017

In partnership with the Prairie Organic Grain Initiative, the University of Manitoba is offering Part Two of the Organic Agronomy Training Program. Agronomists and others who are interested in providing agronomic advice to organic and ecological farmers will be equipped with data-gathering and decision support tools, and be trained in the art and science of organic grain production. The tools provided will enable participants to take a systematic and comprehensive approach when working with farmer clients using diagnostics, problem identification, and farm system co-design (see agenda below).

The program includes in-person meetings and ongoing support after the meetings. This support involves direct access to instructors and to other participants through social media, email updates, and phone calls.

New participants are welcome to the Winter 2017 sessions.

** Please note that a third session has been added to the program for Fall 2017, dates and locations in each province TBA. The third session will be a continuation of the program, providing further training in organic agronomy.*

CEU credits pending.

Time and Subject	Instructional Approach	Instructors	Resources
8:30 AM Coffee and introduction	Introductions and opening remarks	K. Stanley	Introduction of instructors, outline Of the day, CCA credits
8:40-9:00 AM Review of systems thinking	Overview and discussion		
9:00-11:00 AM Case Studies I. Diagnostics and problem identification (Break 10:00 AM)	Presented case studies. Discussion, exercises	K. Stanley, J. Thiessen-Martens, M. Carkner, G. Martens	A number of case studies will be presented and analyzed by participants. Participants will work through each study to diagnose problems. Issues of nutrient management, weeds, crop management, and disease will be discussed.
11:00 AM Technical Update	Lecture, discussion	J. Thiessen-Martens, M. Entz, K. Stanley	What's new?! New equipment, nutrient management program, research
Lunch provided 12:00-1:00 PM			
1:00 – 1:45 PM Perspectives from an organic farmer and agronomist	Presentations from organic farmers and agronomists	TBA	
1:45 – 4:00 PM Case studies II. Co-designing organic farming systems	Break out groups, exercises, discussion	K. Stanley, J. Thiessen-Martens, M. Carkner, G. Martens	Work in groups to design solutions to the problems diagnosed in case studies I.
4:00 PM Wrap up			Summary to the day, what's next?

DATES:

WINTER 2017 SESSIONS:

Tuesday January 10th, 2017 | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Thursday January 12th, 2017 | Lacombe, Alberta

Friday March 10th, 2017 | Carman, Manitoba
Ian N. Morrison Research Station

FALL 2017 SESSIONS:

Date and Location TBA | Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta sessions

REGISTRATIONS COST:

WINTER 2017 SESSIONS:

Current participants: Winter 2017 sessions are FREE

**If you paid registration in 2016, your winter session is covered*

NEW participants: \$85 + GST (includes lunch and access to online and social media support)

FALL 2017 SESSIONS:

ALL (new and current) participants: \$85 + GST (includes lunch)

TO REGISTER

Friday March 10th, 2017 | Carman, Manitoba: <https://organiccarman.eventbrite.ca>

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