

#GOC2023



# GUELPH ORGANIC CONFERENCE

Jan 23 - 29, 2023

## PROGRAM



Canada's Largest Organic Event  
Something for Everyone!

[guelphorganicconf.ca](http://guelphorganicconf.ca)

## Virtual Sessions — January 23rd - 26th

**Virtual Sessions:** Take advantage of OCO's exceptional learning experience from the comfort of your own home. We have you covered – from working with organic flours to learning about the sweet spot in organic no-till farming. Check out the full line-up at [guelphorganicconf.ca](http://guelphorganicconf.ca) / Or scan the QR Code.








## Friday – Jan. 27th

Rick Clark — Full Day Technical Session for Farmers - 9:00 - 12:00 / 1:00 - 4:00 (bring your own lunch)

Organic Dinner - 4:30 - 7:15

Paul Holmbeck — Keynote - 7:30

## Saturday – Jan. 28th

	 Organic Production	 Organic Opportunities	 Livestock	 Big Organic Questions	 Organic Every Day
9:00	Crop production, soil quality, and economic analysis	COTA: The latest in Organic Data – all you wanted to know!	Improving the market for Organics: Lessons from Europe Q & A	COG: Planning for Climate Change Resilience panel and discussion	Organic magic with worms - Turn your food scraps into black gold
9:30					
10:00					
10:30	COG: Innovations in Cover Cropping (Intermediate to Advanced)	COTA: Changes in the Regulatory Landscape for Organic; Challenges and Opportunities	Livestock Grazing Planning & Management	The Camphill Biodynamic Market Garden: lessons for community, ecology and the climate crisis	The Best Perennial Crops for Northern Food Forests
11:00					
11:30					
12:00	<b>LUNCH</b>				
12:30	OMRI Canada Lunch Meet & Greet Join us to find out about OMRI Canada's Review Program! Light Lunch will be served			Ignatius Farm Lunch Meet and Greet Join us to learn more about our Immersion internships and New Farmer Training! Bring your lunch.	
1:00					
1:30	Integrated weed management panel and discussion	NFUO: Farm Labour Unity – Empowering Farmworkers	NFUO: A Modern Spin on Traditional Craft: Exploring Value-Added Livestock Operations	EFAO: Finding a market for your small organic grains	Vertical organic aquaponics system for food, education, and community benefits
2:00					
2:30					
3:00					
3:30			Insect Frass: An Emerging Fertilizer and Soil Amendment in Ontario & Worldwide		COTA Series: Protecting Organic Integrity and Actions You Can Take
4:00	Exploring No-Till Strategies For Larger Scale Organic Vegetable Growers	Growing Edible Organic Beans		Organic Science Impact: Uptake and Success Stories —Part1	
4:30					
5:00					
7:00	<b>Guelph Organic Social</b> Join the Canada Organic Trade Association (COTA) for our annual Guelph Organic Social. <b>PLACE: The Bullring - 107 Trent Ln Guelph, ON N1G 1Y4 – 7PM</b> <b>TICKETS:</b> booth #29 or buy tickets at the door. Sponsored by Procert, Ecocert, Pfenning's, & OCO				

Sunday - Jan. 29th

	Empowering Organics	Pollinators & Urban Agriculture	Producer Opportunities & Challenges	Soils and Seed	Big Wide World of Organic
9:00	Glyphosate in agriculture: health science, pesticide regulation, and organic knowledge	Introduction to Organic Beekeeping	Alternative Ways to Access Land - Panel	Regenerating your soil	Circular Economy Food Solutions from Across Canada
9:30					
10:00	Indigenous knowledge for a changing climate - A meditation on remembering what it means to be a human	Towards Resilient Bees in a Time of Climate Emergency	NFUO: Who Will Feed Us - Meet the Podcast Co-hosts	Making the Business Case for Soil Health	NFUO - Flower Power: Sustainable Floriculture is a Blooming Business
10:30					
11:00					
11:30					
12:00	<b>LUNCH</b> Join Canadian Organic Growers for an organic retailer and producer meet and greet! The event will take place over lunch in the Peter Clark Hall Lounge Area of the trade show in University Centre.				
12:30					
1:00	Labels, Labels, Labels, Promoting Ontario Organics in the face of a Crowded Playing Field	Full-season care for the small orchard	COTA: Upcoming Events & Opportunities with Canada Organic Trade Association	EFAO: Growing Regionally Adapted Seed for your Farm or Market Garden	Establishing a record-keeping system that enables effective decision-making
1:30					
2:00					
2:30	COG: Addressing the Gaps in the Domestic Organic Supply Chain	Master Gardeners - Managing Water in the Garden	Organic Science Impact: Uptake and Success Stories - Part II	Understanding Soil Microbes and their Role in Healthy Soil	Organics are inaccessible? Exploring Organic Values and Food Sovereignty
3:00					
3:30					
4:00					
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KEYNOTE - FRIDAY 7:30

**Paul Holmbeck**



Former Director - Organic Denmark  
International Organic Policy and Market Consultant

2021 Grand Prix winner - One World Award for agroecology

"In Denmark, organic market shares for many basic foods like milk, eggs, flour and many fruits and veggies are at 30-50%. Schools, hospitals, government canteens and even military barracks have also gone organic, with Copenhagen at 90 percent. Organic policy is driving innovation, farm transition and market development. None of this happened on its own. Ontario is poised for a similar breakthrough"

FARMER TECHNICAL TRAINING - FRIDAY (full day)

**Regenerative Organic with Rick Clark!**



TOPICS

- Weed suppression
- Crop rotations
- Understanding the principles of soil health
- Healthy soil = healthy humans

Register today!  
Early bird ends Jan. 9th

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