

DAY 1: Organic Certification and Marketing Workshops

The Centennial Room • Laramie County Community College • Cheyenne, WY
12:30 to 5:00, Wednesday, February 27, 2019

12:00 **REGISTRATION & Coffee (*Lunch is on your own*)**

12:30 **Organic Certification Workshop**

- **How to get and stay certified.** *Nate Powell-Palm, Montana farmer/certifier*
- **Resources for organic farmers.** *Michael Stein, Organic Farming Research Foundation*

2:30 **Marketing Workshop and Panel Discussion, Aubriel Jones, Moderator**

- **Entrepreneurial Farming and the basics of branding and marketing.**
Minden Fox, Marketing & Entrepreneurship Instructor, LCCC
- **Basic agricultural economics and building resilience in a farm business.**
Brent Young, Agricultural Business Management Economist, Colorado State University Extension
- **Panel discussion,**
 - **Nate Powell-Palm, Montana grain and beef producer**
 - **Rebecca Talmadge – ST Organics**
 - **Brianne Rael – Cottage Foods Act, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment**
 - **Kim Manning – Frenchman Valley Coop**

6:00 **Evening Farmer Social: Accomplice Beer Company, 115 West 15th Street in downtown Cheyenne (the old train depot). Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Farmers' Union**

**DAY 2: 6th Annual High Plains Organic Farming Conference
"Innovative Solutions in Organic Agriculture"**

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7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:30 *Registration & coffee*

Plenary Talks Centennial Room	7:50	Doug Miyamoto, Director, Wyoming Dept of Agriculture: Welcome and Opening Remarks
	8:00	Ben Pfeffer, Raisin' Roots Farm, Fort Collins, CO. Vegetables, eggs, and pork.
	8:30	Nate Powell-Palm, Bozeman, MT. Organic grassfed beef, grains, and pulses.
	9:00	Lightning Talks: Sponsor Introductions and 1-minute poster/topical session summaries

9:30 **BREAK 30 minutes:** *Meet the researchers poster session and vendor tables. Poster contest*

Concurrent Sessions			
	Dryland Systems	Specialty Crops	Forage & Livestock
	10:00	Managing nitrogen for successful small grain production: <i>Dr. Kent McVay, Montana State University</i>	Inputs research in intensive vegetable production: <i>Dr. Mark Uchanski, Colorado State University</i>
11:00	Amendments in winter wheat rotations: <i>Dr. Jim Ippolito, Colorado State University</i>	Hemp production: promise and limitations: <i>Brian Mitchell, Colorado State; Dr. Caitlin Youngquist, U of Wyoming</i>	Forages, cover crops, & livestock integration: <i>Dr. Joe Brummer, Colorado State University</i>

12:00 **LUNCH Provided:** *Meet the researchers poster session and vendor tables*

Concurrent Sessions			
	Dryland Systems	Specialty Crops	Forage & Livestock
	1:30	Compost & cover crops in the driest wheat-fallow: <i>Dr. Urszula Norton, University of Wyoming</i>	Food Safety Management Act Training: <i>Cristy Dice, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i>
2:30	Is clean-till the only way? Producer panel: <i>Ron Rabou, Albin, WY; Kurtis Brauer, Sidney, NE; Corey Loyd, Hereford, CO</i>	Variety development for edible dry beans: <i>Dr. Carlos Urrea, University of Nebraska, Panhandle Research & Extension Center, Scottsbluff</i>	Low stress livestock handling: <i>Blake Hauptman, University of Wyoming</i>

3:30 **BREAK 30 minutes:** *Poster session and vendor tables. Student poster contest.*

4:00 **Plenary Session: Update on the Farm Bill and discussion of regional research needs,** *Michael Stein, Organic Farming Research Foundation; Jay Norton, University of Wyoming; Mark Uchanski, Colorado State University*

4:45 **Closing Remarks/Evaluations/Poster winners**

5:00 **ADJOURN, followed by planning meeting for 2020 HPOFC**