



2013 Maine Grain Conference

Commercial Production for New Small Grain Markets: Food, Organic Feed, and Seed

Spectacular Events Center, Bangor (395 Griffin Rd., near the airport)

Friday, March 1, 2013

- **Pre-Registration is required: \$15.00** - Includes morning snack and lunch
Register and pay on-line at: <http://umaine.edu/agriculture/2013-maine-grain-workshop/>
Or call **Meghan Dill** at **(207) 581-3878** to register and pay by check.
- **CCA and pesticide credits have been applied for.**

Producing Food and Organic Feed Grains		
8:30-9:00am	REGISTRATION	
9:00-9:30am	Market Overview and Resources for Grain Farmers	Ellen Mallory - Sustainable Ag. Specialist, UMaine Extension
9:30-11:00am	Converting a Potato Farm to Organic Grains - Markets, Infrastructure, Rotations, Production, and Processing	Mark Bernard – Farmer, Barnyard Organics, PEI
11:00-11:15am	BREAK	
11:15-12:30pm	Producing Food Quality Grains - Rotations, Fertility, and Disease	Élisabeth Vachon - Agronomist, Les Moulins de Soulanges
12:30-1:15pm	LUNCH - (display tables & networking)	
1:15-2:00pm	Managing Problem Weeds in Organic Grains	Eric Gallandt - Weed Scientist, UMaine
2:00-2:15pm	Organic Certification	John Chartier - Ag. Specialist, MOFGA & Organic Valley
Understanding Seed - Sourcing, Producing, and Certifying		
2:15-2:30pm	Overview and Seed Survey Results	Ellen Mallory - UMaine Extension
2:30-3:15pm	Seed Laws and Certification	Steve Johnson - Crops Specialist, UMaine Extension
3:15-4:00pm	Sourcing and Producing Quality Seed	Tate McPherson - Maine Seed Company
4:00-4:15pm	Open Discussion	

Questions regarding the workshop, contact Ellen Mallory at emallory@maine.edu or **(207) 581-2942**.

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2013 Maine Grain Workshop Speaker Bios

Mark Bernard and his wife, Sally, produce organic grains and soybeans for livestock feed, raise broiler chickens, layer hens and sheep, and operate a grain cleaning and soybean roasting operation on their 500-acre farm on Prince Edward Island. The farm had previously been in conventional potato production. Mark and Sally recently won Atlantic Canada's 2012 Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

Eric Gallandt, Weed Ecologist with the University of Maine, works on the ecology and management of weeds in organic farming systems. His guiding philosophy, termed "Many Little Hammers," is that progress in weed management requires a systems perspective with strategies that stress weeds at multiple points in their life cycle. Eric's work in organic small grain production has involved developing methods to improve physical weed control and the crop's ability to compete with weeds.

Steve Johnson, Crops Specialist with University of Maine Cooperative Extension, focuses on plant pathology and potato, garlic, and small grain production. In 2012, he initiated a small grain seed inspection and certification training program for staff of the Division of Plant Industry, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Ellen Mallory, Sustainable Agriculture Specialist with University of Maine Cooperative Extension, works on small grain production and soil fertility. Over the last 4 years she has led the Northern New England Local Bread Wheat Project, a project that involves farmers, millers, bakers, and researchers to improve local organic wheat production, quality, and opportunities through research, outreach, and networking.

Tate McPherson is a commodities broker and seed salesman in northern Maine. He works with over 30 farmers and arranges for the sale of over 15,000 acres of wheat, barley, oats, and rye. As well, he is closely involved on a number of farms in production and marketing, including helping oversee the production of up to 2,200 acres of wheat for the last few years and preparing former CRP ground for organic production of wheat and feed grains.

Élisabeth Vachon has extensive experience advising Quebec wheat growers on organic and pesticide-free production methods. Since 2007, she's worked as the agronomist for Les Moulins de Soulanges, a flour mill in St-Polycarpe that has 30,000 acres of production under contract. Prior to her position with the mill, Élisabeth worked for 12 years as a private crop consultant specializing in organic production.