

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

2016 WEBINARS



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Conservation Buffers to Support Beneficial Insects on Organic Farms

February 2, 2016, 3 p.m. EST

Mace Vaughan, Xerces Society

Beneficial insects provide crucial pollination and pest control services in organic farming systems. This webinar will explore how conservation buffers attract and sustain beneficials, and how these same buffers and associated cropping practices can help meet the natural resource and biodiversity conservation criteria of the National Organic Program.

Natural Resource and Biodiversity Conservation in Organic Production

March 17, 2016, 3 p.m. EST

Jessica Walden, USDA National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service

Ben Howell, Oregon Tilth

USDA organic regulations require producers to “maintain or improve the natural resources of the operation, including soil and water quality.” This webinar will review the new USDA Organic guidance on Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation, including examples of practices that support these conservation principles and comply with USDA organic regulations.

Transitioning to Organic Production

April 5, 2016, 3 p.m. EST

**Robert King, University of Minnesota
Drew Katz, Oregon Tilth**

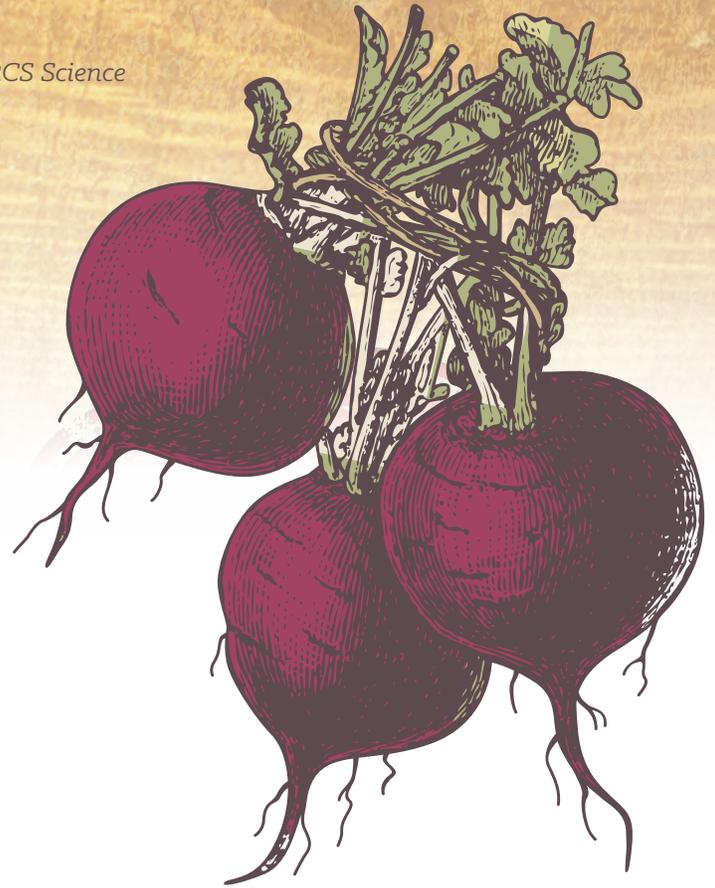
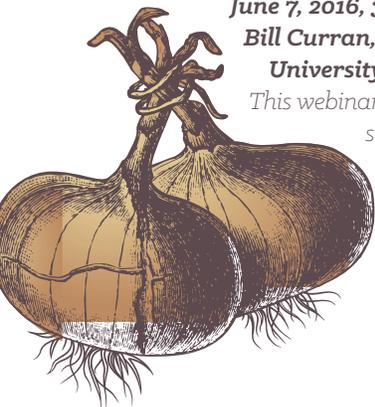
Using case studies of producers who made the successful transition from conventional to certified organic, this webinar will explore challenges producers face when transitioning all or part of their operation.

Weed Management in Organic Cropping Systems

June 7, 2016, 3 p.m. EST

Bill Curran, Pennsylvania State University Extension

This webinar will discuss primary weed control strategies for organic systems: prevention, cultural and mechanical, crop rotation, crop competition, and cultivation.



This three-part series will feature organic producers from different regions discussing their methods of residue and tillage management. Local NRCS staff will discuss opportunities and challenges in implementing these practices in organic systems.

Residue and Tillage Management in Organic Farming Systems: Eastern States

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**Joseph Heller, NRCS-NY
Organic producer**

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