



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council

9:45 am to 3:00 pm

Monday March 18, 2013

WI Department of Agriculture

Board Room, Room 106

2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison

Agenda

- 9:45 am Refreshments & Conversation**
- 10:00 Welcome, introductory comments**
Agenda review, Minutes approval, Review and set future meeting dates.
Discussion/planning for summer meeting/tour.
- 10:15 Nomination committee recommendations** Terms ending include Rich Lange (farmer seat), Mike Schulist (business seat), Jennifer Casey (consumer seat), and Alfrid Krusenbaum (at-large seat).
- 10:30 Council reorganization** (vote on co-chairs and other 'executive committee')
- 10:45 Discussion on Food Safety Modernization Act (presentation by Steve Ingham).**
Report from subcommittee on possible comments on the rules.
- 11:30 Update on other Council priorities (farm bill, GMO)**
Updates on where these topics are, potential new topics: Keeping organic acres in the face of high conventional prices, Providing input to the NOSB on NOP standards
- 11:45 Lunch**
- 12:45 New business**
The USDA Risk Management Agency has just come out with a report on their crop insurance program for organic farmers. Dr. Paul Mitchell, a UW expert on crop insurance will explain the implications of these new rules. Link to RMA Crop Insurance Report:
<http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/05601-0006-KC.pdf>
- 1:30 Old business**
Report on January organic issues meeting with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack (Harriet)
Overview of organic prices (Mike Schulist and others)
Update on status of ADD and Buy Local grant programs (state budget will have been presented by this time—do we want an update from Bridget?)
- 2:45 Agency reports** from NRCS, FSA, UW CALS and UW Extension, WEDC, DATCP, WI Technical Colleges, DNR
- 2:55 Public comments**
- 3:00 Adjourn**

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