

OCIA MN #1

Organic Crop Improvement Association – OCIA MN #1
Lorri Ann Hartel, Chapter Administrator
2609 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
218-253-4907 (Office) 218-686-6144 (Cell)
Email: lhartel@prairieagcomm.com



Newsletter – Winter 2023 Issue



News from Chapter Administrator Lorri Ann Hartel – Hello 😊 What a beautiful start for our Minnesota Winter! Mild temps and little snow. Our Board of Directors met on November 29th in Alexandria. We had a great meeting and discussed the 2023 year and all our upcoming events. We will be exhibiting at MN Organic Conference January 11th and 12th and will hold our annual meeting at 6:30 pm on Jan 11th at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. We will serve a few hors d'oeuvres and review the year with our members. Please try to join us. Other business at our board meeting: chapter fees will stay the same as they have for the past many years. Membership is set at \$40/annually and acreage fee is based on the 2014 fee schedule. I have included a 2024 membership form. Please have this back to the Red Lake Falls office by FEBRUARY 1, 2024 and if you do not plan to renew, we appreciate you letting us know. Merry Christmas to all.

FOR SALE: for sale; 1440 IH combine, 3500 hr, 13006 Deutz tractor, front wheel assist, new rear tires and overhauled engine. 507-215-7291

A special thank you to our corporate members

Albert Lea Seed - Blue River, 1414 W Main, PO Box 127, Albert Lea, MN 56007 – Phone: 507-352-5247
Cashton Farm Supply, 300 State Hwy 27, Cashton, WI 54619 – Phone: 608-654-5123
CENTRASEED, 20364 210th St, Hutchinson, MN 55350 – Phone: 877-733-3224
Crop Revenue Agency, LLC, 100 Center Drive, PO Box 345, Buffalo, MN 55313 – Phone: 763-229-3196
Everbest Organics, 136 E Munger Rd, Munger, MN 48747 - Phone: 989-395-3483
FW Cobs Company Inc., PO Box 30, Saint Albans, VT 05481 – Phone: 888-531-4888
Grain Millers, Inc., 10400 Viking Drive, Suite 301, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 – Phone: 952-983-1289
J & J Corporation (Soyko), 3260 40th Ave SE, Suite D, Fargo, ND 58104 – Phone: 218-356-8214
Kadelbach Manufacturing, LLC, (Flame Weeders) 20364 210th St, Hutchinson, - Phone: 888-536-4109
Mid-States Supply, PO Box 136, Sartell, MN 56377 – Phone: 877-464-3782
MN Farmers Union, 305 Roselawn Ave E, St. Paul, MN 55117 – Phone: 651-639-1223
Natures Organic Grist, 701 Xenia Ave S, Golden Valley, MN 55416, Phone: 952-746-6800
Richland IFC, Inc, 100 North 10th Street, Breckenridge, MN 56520 – Phone: 218-643-1797
Sunrise Foods, 715 South 4th Street, Pender, NE 68047 – Phone: 402-705-1076
Sustainable Farming Assn of MN, 4924 Upton Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410 – Phone: 763-260-0209
Welter Seed and Honey Company, 17724 Hwy 136, Onslow, IA 52321 – Phone: 800-470-3325

Message from President Denise Olson 😊 - Greetings from Northwest Minnesota.

As I sit down this morning to write to you all, It is the 17th of December and it is 32 degrees. WOW These temps are amazing We sure don't know if they will stay but I do know that they are sure going to be shortening up the length of our winter!! Overall, 2023 was a good year for us. We had moisture in the spring and then it never rained after that and yet the good Lord blessed us with some of the best yields that we have had in a very long time. Our wheat, sunflowers and corn did amazing, and our soybeans were ok, they just ran out of moisture but sure no complaints for all the crops had to endure with little to no extra moisture. I know yields and moisture were very spotty over the state, but I sure hope all of you had a bountiful and safe harvest season.

We held our in-person board meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in Alexandria. The Organic conference is being held, January 11-12, 2024. We will be having our annual meeting on Thursday evening the 11th. We are excited and hoping to see many of you all at the meeting. The International Office is working very hard to get the certificates out. As always please take a minute to address any questions or minor compliances that you might have to ensure a speedy Farm Certificate. Please feel free to give Lorri Ann a call with any questions or concerns. She is always ready to lend a hand.

Please take time during this year end and holiday season to reach out by phone or even a good old fashion handwritten letter or card to family or loved one that might be homebound or just lonely. I, along with my family, would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas that is filled with much joy, laughter, love, and good health. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have suffered hardships, tragedies, and loss of loved ones this past year. We want wish everyone the very best in the New Year, and hope 2024 is filled with many blessings for you and your families!! Take Care and Happy 2024 to all.

OCIA MN #1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

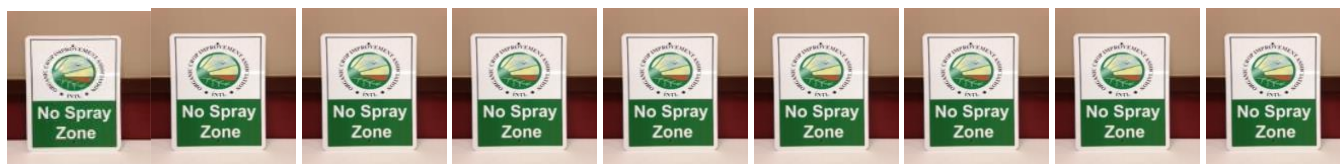
Denise Olson, President, Warren, MN (218) 289-0835
Don DeWeerd, Vice President Pipestone, MN (507) 825-2077
Carolyn Lane, Secretary, Spring Lake Park, MN (763) 377-2461
Paul Vanderwoude, Treasurer, Pipestone, MN (507) 825-4130
Darin Dorn, Director, Vining, MN (320) 760-5964
Dennis Week, Director, Evansville, MN (218) 948-2199

JAN

February



Please contact the chapter or the OCIA International office if you need a No Spray sign. Cost is \$10.00 each.



Newsletter – the deadline for December issue will be December 1st.

Chapter Happenings and Education Updates

OCIA Research & Education (R&E) OCIA Research and Education Inc. is a non-profit 501(C) 3 association dedicated to promoting sustainable organic agriculture among its membership. OCIA R&E sponsors activities, such as, organic research scholarships and farmer-of-the year awards.

Save the Date – Minnesota Organic Conference – January 11-12, 2024 – St. Cloud Event Center – OCIA MN #1 Booth number is 16 (Come check us out!) **The OCIA MN #1 annual meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm, Kelly Inn meeting room (across from the Green Mill). **ELECTIONS for MN #1** – Dennis Week and Darin Dorn are up for election in 2024. Please join us.

The OCIA Intl Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM) will be held February 7-8, 2024, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

SFA 2024 Annual Conference – Feb 10 - College of St Benedict, St. Joseph

SFA – Midwest Soil Health Summit – March 13-14, Courtyard by Marriott, Mankato, MN

NPSAS – January 25-27, 2024 - Aberdeen, SD

OCIA International Board of Directors for 2023:

- **Chris Jaworski**, President, USA, **Terry Sheehan**, Vice-President, CAN
 - **Carolyn Lane**, Secretary, USA, **Jack Geiger**, Chair, USA
- **Randy Mosel**, Treasurer, USA, **Scott Ausborn**, USA, **Christian Evans**, USA

Merry Christmas to all!

Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award

The annual Outstanding Organic Farmer of the Year award, presented by OCIA R&E, recognizes talented producers who have certified to the Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) level of excellence, for at least five years. Award recipients excel in thoughtful cropping and livestock practices that build soil and reduce

pests and weeds. They maintain and enhance the environment. They are innovative in farm practices. They ensure integrity and safety of food and manage their farm operations in a safe and conscious fashion. Outstanding organic farmers are involved in the organic community, promoting, and supporting organic agriculture. They are also involved in their local OCIA chapter and sometimes at the international level.

Apply for the Farmer of the Year Award

Please submit your completed Farmer of the Year Application to ocia04.re@gmail.com.

Or contact Lorri Ann @ OCIA MN #1 if you would like to nominate someone.

Our Mission – OCIA

As providers and consumers of certified organic production, we are committed to environmentally sound stewardship.

- To accomplish this mission and foster confidence in OCIA's certifications, OCIA lists the following purposes in Article 1 of the OCIA Bylaws:
- To provide organic crop improvement through professional development of organic farmers and processors, including technical assistance, education information, publications, and research.
- To establish and maintain a farmer-owned and farmer-controlled organization providing impartial third-party certification as a prerequisite for certification licensing of organic food at all stages of production, processing and distribution.
- To guarantee the neutrality and integrity of an OCIA-certified organic certification mark.
- To establish uniform standards and bylaws, which govern production, processing, manufacturing, and practices for trade, and which define the identity and quality of organic foods.
- To clarify and promote the image of organic products with the OCIA-certified organic mark.



CENTRASEED, LLC and KADELBACH MANUFACTURING, LLC

OCIA MN #1 is proud to announce our newest corporate member Glen Kadelbach from Hutchinson, MN. He is the owner of CentraSeed, LLC and Kadelbach Manufacturing, LLC.

Glen specializes in building and designing Flame Weeders. He has been in the flame weeder business since 2019. Being an organic farmer since 2011, he knew he could build a better flame weeder. He hired a couple of engineers, and they helped design his own burners. Glen noted that they are guaranteed not to flame out. For more info on flame weeders call Glen at 1-888-KMFG-109 or email him at glen@kadelbachmfg.com Website: kadelbachmfg.com

Glen started seed cleaning in 2017. In 2021 he started CentraSeed, LLC. He specializes in small grain seeds and soybeans. This includes Oats, Spring and Winter Wheat, and Einkorn. Einkorn is a Heritage wheat which is one of the oldest wheat varieties known to mankind. This year Glen will be in his first year of soybean seed production which will be available in the Fall of 2024. For more info on Certified Organic Seed, contact Glen at 1-877-733-3224 or email him at glen@centraseed.com Website: centraseed.com



Certified Organic Seed
Spring and Winter Grains
Soybeans
Organic Seed Conditioning

CENTRASEED.COM
1-877-733-3224



SCAN ME

FLAME WEEDERS
This year control weeds on your farm with a flame weeder.



KADELBACH
MANUFACTURING, LLC
TOLL FREE 1-888-KMFG-109
www.kadelbachmfg.com



SCAN ME

*Merry
Christmas*

BLUE RIVER, STRONGER



The best of Blue River and Viking have been combined to form the strongest organic lineup of corn, soybeans, and alfalfa in the country.

800.370.7979 • alseed.com/blueriver



Certified Organic Seed
Spring and Winter Grains
Soybeans
Organic Seed Conditioning

CENTRASEED.COM
1-877-733-3224

Mid-States Supply Company Organic Supplies

PO Box 136, Sartell, MN 56377
Marty Palmersheim (320) 240-0033



Composted Chicken Litter
Sulfate Of Potash
Diatomaceous Earth
Perma Guard Products
Kelp
Organic Lawn and Garden
Organic Blended Gypsum
Other Miscellaneous Supplies



Organic Specialists
Cashton Farm Supply, Ltd.
300 State Hwy 27, Cashton, WI 54619

- Certified Organic Feed Mill Featuring a Full Line of Organic Products
- Poultry Rations and Premixes
Starter – Grower - Layer
- Livestock Vitamins & Minerals
- Full Line of Organic Approved Fertilizer
- High Mowing Organic Seed available for Spring of 2016
- Dealer for Albert Lea and Blue River Organic Seed
- Buyers and End Users of All Organic Grains

CFS Specialties, Inc.
800-822-6671 FAX 608-654-5696
E-mail: organic@cfspecial.com



J&J Corporation, Inc.
DBA: Soyko International, Inc.
DBA: Circle C Seeds



Helping feed the world!

Soyko International, Inc. processes and markets food-quality, Identity-preserved, non-GMO and certified organic soybeans, grains, seeds, and dry beans. We offer premium prices over the CBOT.

2493 380th Street, Gary, MN 56545 USA
Tel: 218-356-8214 Fax: 218-356-8218
Email: Jade In (jadein@soykointernational.com)
Cell: 701-793-0785
Website: www.soykointernational.com

Welter Seed and Honey Co.

17724 Hwy 136, Onslow, IA 52321

CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION
OF ORGANIC SEED!

- *Alfalfa
- *Corn
- *Soybeans
- *Grains
- *Grasses
- *Clovers
- *Custom Mixes



Call early!

- * Save 5% in December
- * We pay 1/2 shipping on select items

Over 60 years in business!

www.welterseed.com 1-800-470-3325



Your trusted
buyer of quality
organic ingredients.

www.sunrisefoods.com | (833) 657-5790



BUILT ON FARMER *Relationships.*

We Buy Organic &
Conventional Non-GMO:

- Oats
- Corn
- Wheat
- Barley
- Lentils
- Soybeans
- Flax
- Rye



GRAIN MILLERS

THIS IS MORE THAN A PARTNERSHIP.
IT'S OUR *Promise.*

grainmillers.com | 800.328.5188

FLAME WEEDERS

This year control weeds on your farm with a flame weeder.



KADELBACH
MANUFACTURING, LLC

TOLL FREE 1-888-KMFG-109
www.kadelbachmfg.com



SCAN ME

Everbest Organics, Inc. Certified Organically Grown

Steve Bohn, Grower Market &
Commodity Crop Sourcing Coordinator

136 E Munger Rd
Munger, MI 48747
Office: 989-659-2599
Cell: 989-395-3483

www.everbestorganics.com

steve@everbestorganics.com

Contracting organic edible beans and soybeans.
Facilities in McCanna, ND and St. Hilaire, MN.
Grow with us

OCIA MN

#1

**"Personalized Support & Education
through your local member led
chapter"**

- * Farm
- * Livestock
- * Processors

**Certification through OCIA
International**



Lorri Ann Hartel, Chapter Administrator

2609 Wheat Drive

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

218-253-4907 or 218-686-6144 (Cell)

www.mnokia.org www.ocia.org



Box 192
Princeton, MN 55371
sfa-mn.org

The Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota supports the development and enhancement of sustainable farming systems through farmer-to-farmer networking, innovation, demonstration, and education



***The leader in bringing food grade
soybeans to the market.***

Contact Matt Bohn

100 N 10th St.
Breckenridge, MN 56520
(218) 643-1797 Office

CROP REVENUE AGENCY, LLC

100 CENTER DRIVE
PO BOX 345
BUFFALO, MN 55313

TELEPHONE: 763-229-3196



Contact us to market: Hard Red & White Wheats, Soft Red & White Wheats, Durum, Barley, Millet, Feed Grains, Dry Edible Beans & Peas

Eric Fast

Director: Organic Product Lines
Mobile: 651-253-5292
eric@naturesorganicgrist.com

Sandie Mack

Logistic Manager
Mobile: 701-256-0527
sandie@naturesorganicgrist.com



**Standing for agriculture,
working for farmers**

www.mfu.org

(651) 639-1223