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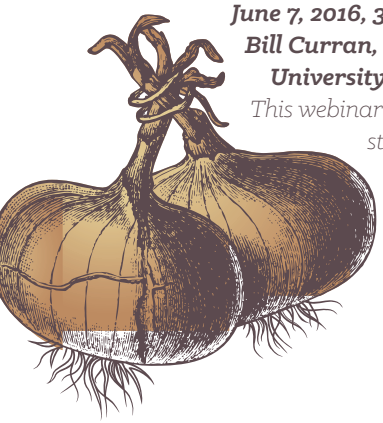
Conservation Buffers to Support Beneficial Insects on Organic Farms
February 2, 2016, 3 p.m. EST
Mace Vaughan, Xerces Society
Beneficial insects provide crucial pollination and pest control services in organic farming systems. This webinar will explore how conservation buffers attract and sustain beneficials, 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.pm. EST
Jessica Walden, USDA National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service
Ben Bowell, 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
August 2, 2016, 3 p.m. EST
Joseph Heller, NRCS-NY
Organic producer

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