2nd Annual Organic Production Workshop

December 3, 2015 from 8am-1pm
Malheur County Extension Office
710 SW 5th Ave Ontario, OR 97914
Please RSVP for a head count on lunch!

This will be a FREE and informal meeting to discuss the potential opportunities for organic production and how interested growers can get started with the certification process. Lunch will be provided!

Invited speakers:
Drew Katz of Oregon Tilth
Organic Purchasing representatives
Organic producers
Hosted by Bill Buhrig– Malheur Co. Extension

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Agenda:

8:00 Refreshments

8:20 Welcome and Announcements

8:30 Drew Katz- Oregon Tilth
   - Brief overview of the National Organic Program, including definition of organic agriculture and relevant/most important rules and regulations
   - Overview of the Certification Process, including the 3 year transition process, working with a certifier, and application review.
   - What is Certified Transitional and support program for transitional/organic producers

9:15 James Henderson– Hummingbird Wholesale
   - Works as a purchaser of a large variety of organic products distributed through their facility in Eugene, OR. Has identified our area as one that could help me their needs for production. Was one of our featured speakers last year! Will also be speaking on behalf of Café Yumm!

10:00 Break

10:15 Quenten Wahlert- Wild West Seed
   - Will talk about their emerging needs for crops that can be grown locally in the Treasure Valley

10:30 Grower discussion featuring Tim Cornie & Nate Jones
   - Will talk about their experiences in irrigated organic production in southern Idaho

Noon Lunch!