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The workshop is intended for farmers who are considering a transition to organic production and want to farm using sound environmental stewardship practices while also accessing the rapid market growth and price premiums of selling organic products. Highlights of the workshop will include helpful hints from organic farmers, discussion on the certification process, tips on crop selection, information on organic markets, fertility and weed management advice, and suggestions on dealing with the threat of soybean rust.

Workshop participants are asked to register by April 12. The workshop co-sponsors will absorb the registration fee. To register, contact the Organic Agriculture Program by phone at (515) 294-5116 or by e-mail at acmckern@iastate.edu. For more information on this workshop and other organic projects, please visit our website [1]. Additional information on transitioning to organic farming can be found at the MOSES Web site [2].

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