

ORGANIC GRAIN WINTER WEBINAR SERIES



Lessons from the Field: Organic Grain Farmer Panel

February 19th, 6-7:30pm

About This Session

Hear directly from organic grain farmers navigating the realities of transitioning, managing, and marketing their crops. The farmer panel will share what's worked, what hasn't, and what they've learned along the way. Bring your questions — this session is designed to be honest, practical, and useful no matter where you are on your organic journey.

Panelists

- **Shane Bailey** is the co-owner and operator of Savannah Ridge Farms, graduated from the University of Illinois graduate with a Crop Science bachelor's degree and has been since 2006, at the age of 16. Beginning in 2016, Shane has been transitioning their land to organic production, specializing in white corn, soybeans, oats, and hay. Shane also operates a direct-to-consumer, grass-fed yak meat business with his dad and brother that uses rotational grazing practices to ensure animal welfare and sustainability.
- **Molly Breslin** started Breslin Farms-a grain farm, with her dad in 2010 to bake bread with their own wheat. The farm is located on family land near Ottawa, IL and has been certified organic since 2012. She is currently taking a break from farming due to parenting obligations, but hopes to return to it soon.
- **Vickie Renick** farms at Randolph Street Farm in Leland, IL, managing 15 acres of certified organic small grains. A graduate of our Organic Grain Mentorship Program, where she worked closely with mentor Paul Hoffman, she offers insights grounded in the practical, day-to-day realities of small-scale organic grain farming.

Cost & Access

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