

2026 Ohio State Organic Grains Conference

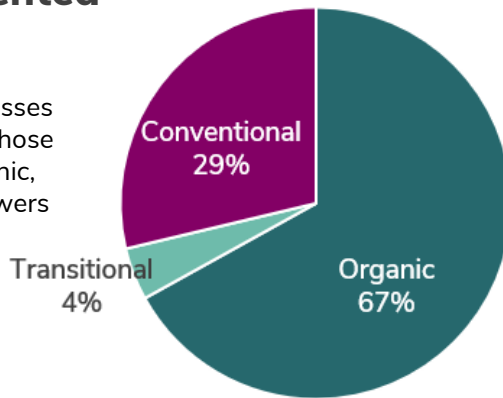
January 7-8 | Sandusky, Ohio



	Average	Min	Max
Yield (bu/acre)	40.52	22.52	53.27
Yield (\$/bu)	\$22.85	\$18.97	\$24.81
Total Direct Expenses (\$/ac)	\$453.19	\$276.88	\$636.37
Machinery Cost (\$/ac)	\$208.90	\$145.62	\$308.88
Total Overhead Expenses (\$/ac)	\$244.29	\$131.2	\$327.49
Net Return (\$/ac)	\$237.86	\$-88.41	\$497.71
Return to Land and Operator (\$/ac)	\$88.10	\$-134.42	\$142.87
Value of Labor and Management (\$/ac)	\$149.76	\$78.93	\$304.84

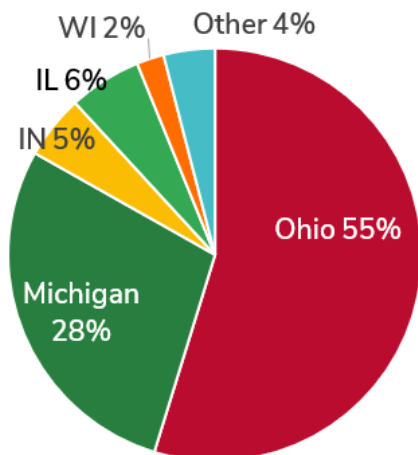
Farm Acres Represented by Attendees

Programming intentionally addresses large and small operations, and those transitioning or considering organic, as well as long-time organic growers and educators working with organic growers in their region.



Farm Attendees' Home States

Total registrations were 287 (up 16% from 2025,) and spanned 9 U.S. states. The graphic to the right represents farmer attendees only. We hope to combine efforts with extension professionals at Purdue and Michigan State in coming years. We feel confident this will be a good move to help keep our program fresh, avoid duplicating efforts, and to foster regional alliances.



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Farmers from
100
Operations

1,010 acres

Average Farm Size (all farms)

40 – 4,955 acres

Farm Size Range (all farms)

92,600

Total all acres represented at conference

826 acres

Average Organic Farm Size

25-4,800 acres

Farm Size Range (organic)

62,000

Total organic acres represented at the conference

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Research posters were a new offering for this year. We had 11 posters from 4 land grant universities.



19 educational sessions featured 42 speakers, including farmers, consultants, educators, and researchers from Ohio and surrounding states.



Conference planning is a team effort! A 12-person committee of extension professionals, farmers, and researchers all pitch in to help manage our educational program, registration, and trade show. The 2026 trade show featured 48 exhibitors and sponsors including 14 organic grain buyers, 18 equipment dealers, plus other products and services.

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January 6-7, 2027 | Fort Wayne, IN

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Attendee Feedback

Kudos to all speakers!

Crowd favorites were

- Consultant Nate Powell-Palm on Organic Public Policy
- University of Wisconsin's Erin Silva on soil health
- Keynote farmer Willie Hughes, W.H. Hughes Farm
- Regenerative Agriculture panel, led by Ashley Adair from Purdue, featuring Ohio farmer Scott Myers
- Weed management tri-state farmer panel led by OSU's Eugene Law
- Matt Ryan, Cornell University
- Comparing Organic and Conventional Budgets with Clint Schroeder and Eric Richer (OSU)
- Market Outlook with Ryan Koory from Argus
- OSU research updates from farmers and researchers co-presenting

Knowledge Gain

99%

of farm attendees reported they had learned at least one new practice to improve their farm.

94%

reported that this conference has helped them improve organic weed control.

99%

reported the conference has provided tools to improve profitability on their farm.

86%

reported they gained tools for nutrient management.



For more information contact conference director Eric Richer at OSU Farm Office or Cassandra Brown at OSU OFFER.

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