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OCIA Presents Transitioning to Organic Workshop

LINCOLN, NE: Don't miss the Organic Crop Improvement Association's (OCIA's) "Transitioning to Organic" workshop on Friday, February 6th from 3:30pm-5:30pm at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Lincoln, NE. This will precede the Welcome Reception of OCIA's Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM), so that transitioning farmers will have a chance to talk with current organic farmers.

"Transitioning to Organic" will be conducted by Liz Sarno, Crop Improvement Chair of OCIA Research and Education. She will provide an overview and answer any questions for the beginning organic farmer. The cost to attend this workshop and Welcome Reception, is only \$25.00. Individuals can register at the door.

Join us for appetizers and cash bar during the Welcome Reception at 6pm on Feb. 6th, in the Holiday Inn's Arbor Room. Comedian, Janene Harris, will provide the entertainment beginning at 7pm.

OCIA International is a member-run organization, where bylaws and standards are discussed and voted upon at the AGMM. The University of Lincoln will have a table showcasing their research in the organic industry. A variety of workshops for OCIA members have also been planned.

We thank our sponsors of this conference, which include: Horizon Dairy, Eden Foods, Cultiva Coffee, Blue River Hybirds, Organic Valley, Rockwell Organic, Organic Grain & Milling, Albert Lea Seed House, Cashton Farm Supply, Grain Place Food, Dakota Growers Pasta Co., Gibbs Wild Rice, Inc.. As well as OCIA members who have contributed organic food at cost, such as: Pam Egbers, Mike Ostry, Terry Mosel and Randy Fendrich.

Please contact Angie Tunink, Marketing & Communications Manager at atunink@ocia.org if you would like to attend OCIA's "Transitioning to Organic" workshop, or if you have further questions.

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The Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA), is a USDA accredited certification agency that has been a part of the organic industry for over 20 years. It is the largest certification agency in the world. The products we certify can be shipped anywhere in the world through the various levels of certification we offer.

OCIA: The Worldwide Standard for Certified Organic Excellence