

# FarmStarts



## **The Gathering**

2600 East Richmond  
Shawano, Wisconsin  
Sept. 20—9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Registration and Pre-Program Survey

9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Attendee Introductions**  
National Farmers Host

9:30 a.m. **Financial Management of Organic Farms**  
Curtis Mahnken, Center for Farm Financial Management, University of Minnesota

### **10:15 a.m. Break**

10:30 a.m. **How National Farmers Markets Milk  
Opportunities and Methods for Non-GMO Milk Production**  
Pam Riesgraf, National Farmers Midwest Regional Director

11:30 a.m. **Organic Dairy Producer Experiences**  
Kevin Mahalko

### **12:00 Lunch – Our Treat!**

1:00 p.m. **Non-GMO feedstuffs**  
Tom Kopp, President—Choice Grains LLC

1:30 p.m. **Organic Certification Basics**  
Elizabeth Tigan, Certification Manager—Nature's International Certification Service

### **2:15 p.m. Break**

2:30 p.m. **Soil Health—The Cornerstone of Profitability**  
Bryan Parr—Profit Pro Ag

3:15 p.m. Post-Program Survey

3:30 p.m. Workshop End

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