Day 1: Monday May 22, 2017

8:00  Registration, Coffee, and Breakfast

9:00  Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions

9:30  The Importance of Communicating Research in Organic
This panel will touch on why it is critical for organic research to help the industry thrive.
Speakers:
Moderator: Julia Marasteanu, FDA
Jonathan Wachter, Washington State University
Matt Dillon, Clif Bar & Company and Seed Matters

10:30  Break

11:00  Case Study 1: Biodiversity
The Biodiversity case study will examine research communication and utilization as it pertains to the NOP Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation Guidance.
Speakers:
Moderator: Amber Sciligo, University of California at Berkeley
Jo Ann Baumgartner, Wild Farm Alliance
Jake Lewin, CCOF Certification Services, LLC

12:00  Impactful Research and Communication to Farmers
A farmer-based panel will lead discussions on attributes of research that make them impactful.
Speakers:
Moderator: David Vetter, Grain Place Foods
Kevin Mahalko, Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative
Tyler Strom, Food and Agriculture Roadmap for Illinois (FARM Illinois) and Strom Family Farm

1:00  Lunch

2:00  Case Study 2: Best Practices in Organic
Speakers:
Moderator: Lindsay Haines, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Benjamin Bowell, Oregon Tilth and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Rex Dufour, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)
Alison Howard, Homestead Farms

3:00  Connecting Research with Organic Policies
This panel will examine how science influences policies and how stakeholders can impact government priorities.
Speakers:
Moderator: Renee Thresher, Lundberg Family Farms
Mat Ngouajio, USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Charlie Walthall, USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
Paul Lewis, USDA National Organic Program (NOP)

4:00  Break

4:30  Group Discussion
Attendees will participate through iclicker polls and open discussions.

5:30  Adjourn for the Day
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8:00  Coffee and Breakfast

9:00  Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Introduction

9:30  Case Study 3: Manure Safety
This case study will examine research efforts following the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) proposed ruling as it pertains to raw manure application and the required time interval between application and harvest of crops.
Speakers:
Moderator: Nathaniel Lewis, The Organic Trade Association
Alda Pires, University of California, Davis
David Ingram, FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)

10:30  Break

11:00  Mini-keynote: Congresswoman Chellie Pingree
Chellie will discuss the critical need for funding of organic agriculture research, including a discussion of her experience as an organic farmer and her actions in congress to help support organic agriculture.

11:30  Assessing Organic Agricultural Research Funding
This roundtable will include panelists who have experience in a wide array of private and public granting programs.
Panel Members:
Moderator: Jessica Shade, The Organic Center
Brise Tenser, OFRF
Mark Lipson, University of California, Santa Cruz
Tom Rabaey, General Mills

12:00  Lunch

1:00  Case Study 4: Organic Grain Breeding Programs
This case study will examine current initiatives in organic grain breeding programs.
Speakers:
Moderator: Elizabeth Reaves, Sustainable Food Lab
Bill Tracy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Erin Silva, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Anna Crabtree, Vilicu Farms and Vilicu Training Institute

2:00  Involving Stakeholders in Research and Outreach
This panel will discuss how stakeholders are involved in the development and implementation of their projects.
Speakers:
Moderator: Tracy Misiewicz, The Organic Center
Anders Gurda, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Richard Bennett, Bennett Farms Inc.

3:00  Break

3:30  Break-out Discussions
Small group discussions will identify potential pathways for future improvement of research needs identification, scientific project design and communication.

4:30  Synthesis Discussion and Development of Recommendations
This discussion session will synthesize information from the break-out discussions.

5:00  Closing Remarks

5:30  OTA and Organic Valleys Congressional Reception
Location: Capitol View at 400 (rooftop venue), The Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W.