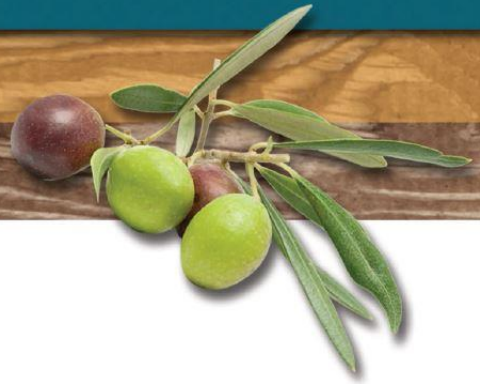


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Sample Curriculum Outline for Sound Certification Made Simple Workshops

Number of workshops: Seven (7)

Registration: Online via Eventbrite

Cost: \$12-15 for lunch

Enrollment target per workshop: (36)

PRE-WORK

Online Self-Assessment Tool will be sent to enrollees prior to workshop (for English workshops).

GENERAL SCHEDULE*

- **Morning Meeting: 9:00am-12:00pm**
 - Coffee/Tea/Refreshments
 - Start at 8:30am, set up so as people walk in there's some focal point
 - Name tags, Sign-in lists
 - Introductions: who are you, where are you, what do you farm?
 - NRCS/ Cooperative Extension introductions, talk about organic offerings
 - What do we/you know?
 - Who thinks they know a lot, a little, something about organic (Have participants stand up in groups and/or raise their hands to self-identify. Ask participants to answer basic questions about organic farming.
 - Activity with the self-assessment tool:
 - If participants filled it out beforehand, have the participants bring their results with them and/or have paper sheets of self-assessment for farmers to fill out on the spot.
 - Walk participants through different sections of the self-assessment, with time for questions.
 - In Depth: What is Organic Certification?
 - Basic Recs for Certification
 - 10 Steps to Transition

- Sound and Sensible Videos about Organic Certification
- 3 CCOF farmers talk about 3 different local crops, how to grow organically, why they do it [Local Organic Farmers]
- Organic System Plan Training
 - CCOF Staff will review each form required for the OSP, via power point, with hard copies for participants.

Lunch 12:00-1:00pm

Brown bag lunch and/or pay \$12-\$15 for an organic lunch.

Drive to Farm Tours (5-25 min)

Farm Tour(s) 1:25-3:00pm [With Local Organic Farmer]

- Owner/operator tour organic farm(s) with a hand held speaker. On the tour, farmer(s) will talk about the organic parts and requirements for farming the land organically.
- Specifically talking about: cover crops, fertility management, transition, weed control, and pest control

ORGANIC FARMER PARTICIPATION:

All workshops will be hosted in part on organic farms. Several experienced organic farmers will attend each workshop. Host farms and organic farmer speakers will be compensated with stipends for their time.

MATERIALS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Each participant will receive a packet including:

- Information on the Online Self-Assessment Tool
- "Ten Steps to Transition" document
- Literature on becoming certified organic
- Resources from the NRCS for transitioning to organic
- Printed OSP forms

* Schedules will vary slightly depending on location, farmer, partners, and support staff availability.