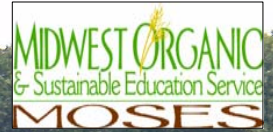


Bringing Research to the People: The Midwest Organic Research Symposium



Objective: to make important and relevant organic research accessible to farmers

A call for papers was issued for presentations. Almost 60 papers were submitted for the 30 time slots available.

The Midwest Organic Research Symposium was held in conjunction with the 19th Annual Organic Farming Conference February 21-23, 2008, in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The Symposium opened with a half-day session of student research presentations.

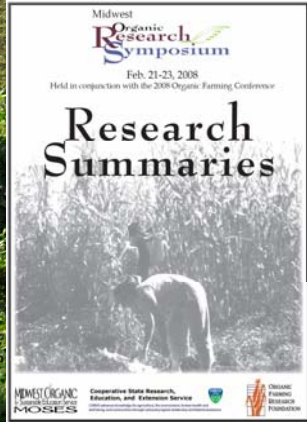
Presenters included students and researchers from 8 land grant universities, the Rodale Institute, 3 farms, and USDA-ARS.

The Symposium featured a poster session with 17 posters.

Session topics:
Weed Management
Vegetable & Fruit Production
Organic Livestock Production
Soils, Seeds, and Systems
Pest & Disease Management
Economics of Organic Systems

The innovative format of short presentations followed by small-group discussions maximized interaction between researchers and the farmer audience. Attendance at each session ranged from 24-90 people.

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3,500 copies of Symposium Research Summaries were published and distributed to all Organic Farming Conference attendees