Staples Area Farmer’s Market Association organize this workshop for growers managing both outdoor and indoor seasonal gardens and hoop houses.

Verndale, MN
March 5, 2016
Verndale Community Center

*Registration preferred by February 26.
This is the fifth annual Organic Management Workshop to be hosted at the Verndale Community Center. Throughout the years, this workshop has addressed local grower needs for organic production practices in Central Minnesota. This year the focus is on gathering producers interested in learning and sharing their problems and successes with each other to improve their businesses. Speakers will share their experiences and wisdom throughout the workshop as well to work with growers to improve their horticultural enterprises and to be able to fill the market needs of facilities in the region.

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

**March 5, 2016**

**Verndale Community Center**

- **8:00 am** Vendor set-up
- **8:30 am** Registration
- **8:50 am** Verndale Mayor Ray Ludovissie - Opening Remarks
- **9:00 am** Intensive Market Gardening Techniques - Russel Kleinschmidt
- **9:45 am** Soil Health - Kathy Connell
- **10:30 am** Break
- **10:45 am** Healthy Plants and Individuals - Dave Massey
- **11:45 am** Lunch
- **12:30 pm** Irrigation/Water Quality - Joshua Stamper
- **1:15 pm** Insect Control and Habitats - Chris Phillips
- **1:45 pm** Break
- **2:00 pm** Farmer’s Market Pricing Research - Ryan Pesch
- **2:30 pm** Producers’ Grower Panel sharing their experiences and answering questions.
- **3:30 pm** Closing Comments and Drawing

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**REGISTRATION**

*Early bird $20 by February 26; full registration is $25 per person. Fee includes lunch, in-depth materials and interactive sessions.*

Make checks payable to Staples Area Farmer’s Market Association

Send registrations to:
Lois Detloff
21390 Co. Rd. 24
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Please fill out this form to register:

Name(s) __________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City __________________________________________

State, Zip ______________________________________

Phone __________________________________________

Email __________________________________________

*Please distribute flyers to others.