

THE PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL NETWORK  
PRESENTS

# ANNUAL TOUR OF RODALE INSTITUTE

FEATURING TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC & EDIBLE GINGER PRODUCTION

JUNE 3, 2011

9:00 A.M.—3:15 P.M.



Join PA-WAgN as we tour  
**Rodale Institute's 333-acre farm & research fields, learn about organic transition and edible ginger production**  
Kutztown, PA

## AGENDA

**9:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

**10:00 a.m. Rodale Institute Tour**

The Rodale research team will conduct a wagon tour of the 333-acre Rodale Institute farm, featuring the Farming Systems Trial (long-term organic v. conventional comparison), equipment demonstrations and a large-scale composting operation. There will also be stops showing other current research projects including organic apple production and "closed-loop" sustainable farming with animals

**12:00 p.m. Lunch and Networking Session**

**1:00 p.m. Resources for Transition to Organic**

Jeff Moyer, farm director at Rodale Institute and member and former chair of USDA's National Organic Standards Board, will address the federal standards and the process of organic transition, including resources that are available to the farmer interested in transition.

**2:00 p.m. Specialty Crops: Ginger on the Mainland**

Presenter Susan Anderson will give an overview of edible ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) production and talk about its potential as a specialty crop for organic farmers in the North East region. Susan is the owner of East Branch Ginger which offers certified organic, disease-free ginger seed. Susan has a degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech and has worked as a research technician for Johnny's Selected Seeds.

**3:00 p.m. Event Evaluation**

**3:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## REGISTRATION

**Registration Fee: \$15**  
(includes lunch & materials)

**Online Registration:**  
<http://svy.mk/June3Rodale>

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All are welcome to participate in events sponsored by PA-WAgN.

## DIRECTIONS

**Directions Available Online:**  
[http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/map\\_and\\_directions](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/map_and_directions)

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