Starting and Sustaining a Small Acre Farm in Indiana

8:30 AM  Registration, Evaluation, and Coffee

9:00 AM  Participant Introductions

9:30 AM  Formulating your Goals for a Beginning Farmer – Sam Smith, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center, Burlington, Vermont

10:15 AM  Mapping the Assets You Have on Your Farm – Tamara Benjamin, Assistant Program Leader for Purdue Extension Diversified Food and Farming Systems

11:00 AM  Break

11:15 AM  Evaluations of Opportunities – Sam Smith

12:15 PM  Lunch

1:15 PM  Financial Statements – Sam Smith

2:15 PM  Break

2:30 PM  Create of Mission and Vision Statements – Tamara Benjamin

3:15 PM  Good Business Management Practices – Sam Smith

4:00 PM  Progression from a beginning farmer 45 years ago to now - Eliot Coleman, Co-Owner of Four Seasons Farm, Harborside, Maine

4:45 PM  Wrap Up and Evaluation