**Organic Inspector Trainings:** Beginner, Advanced, and Gluten-Free

Dates: September 28th to October 10th 2014

Location: The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, Pennsylvania

Cosponsored by International Organic Inspectors Association (IOIA) & Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)

*IOIA Organic Inspector Training courses are recommended for inspector trainees, certification agency staff, and regulatory agency staff who want to better understand the organic inspection and certification process.*

**Schedule**

* Organic Crop and Processing Inspector Training (run concurrently): Mon 9/29 to Fri 10/3
* Advanced Organic Inspector Training: Sat 10/4 to Sun 10/5
* Gluten-Free Certification Inspector Training: Mon 10/6
* Organic Livestock Training: Mon 10/6 to Fri 10/10

**Basic Training** (Crops, Livestock, and Processing): each course includes 4 days of instruction including a field trip to a certified organic operation, plus ½ day for testing. Garry Lean, IOIA Trainer, Ontario will lead the Livestock and Processing courses. Margaret Scoles, IOIA Executive Director, and Jonda Crosby, Training Services Director, will lead the Crop course.

**Two-Day Advanced Training** (Basic training courses and minimum inspection experience are required to receive a Certificate of Completion.)

* Livestock Feed Audits – Grazing and non-grazing season, in a Multi-species System - Sarah Flack, IOIA Trainer and Inspector from Vermont
* Processing In/Out Audit Balance - Luis Brenes, IOIA Trainer, Costa Rica & Margaret Scoles, IOIA Executive Director
* Organic Aquaculture with George Lockwood, NOP Aquaculture Working Group
* Improving the Exit Interview with Margaret Scoles, IOIA Executive Director
* Will Your Report Stand Up in Court? with Matthew Michael, Director of NOP Compliance and Enforcement
* Best Inspection Practices with Steve Ross, National Supervisor ASQ CQA USDA LSP Quality Assessment Division
* Grower Group Inspection and Certification (as applied to contracted poultry operations) with Luis Brenes, and Brian Magaro, experienced organic poultry inspector from Pennsylvania

**GFCO Training – The Gluten-Free Certification Organization (GFCO) is a program of The Gluten Intolerance Group. GFCO will present** one day training. Admission to this course requires approval by GFCO.

**Registration, Accommodations and Travel**

* For complete details and to register,
	+ [Draft Advanced Agenda [pdf]](http://ioia.net/images/pdf/PA_ADV_Agenda_2014_draft_ver5.pdf)
	+ [Basic Training Information and Application](http://ioia.net/images/docs/PA_basic_info_registration_v11.docx)
	+ [Advanced Training Information and Application](http://ioia.net/images/docs/PA_Adv_info_registration_v11.docx)
	+ [Gluten-Free Training Information](http://ioia.net/images/docs/PA_Gluten-free_info_registration_v12-2.docx) and [Application](http://ioia.net/images/docs/PA_GF_Course_App.docx)
* Visit <http://ioia.net/schedule_onsite.html>, contact IOIA at (406) 436-2031 or e-mail ioiassistant@rangeweb.net.
* Registration Deadlines

Basic Courses: 8/18 Advanced Course: 8/25 Gluten-Free Course: 8/25

Accommodations and Travel: The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel <http://www.thepennstaterhotel.psu.edu/> is 4 minutes from Penn State University and 5 minutes from the University Park Airport (SCE). Complimentary direct shuttle service is available from the airport.