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Good Grain Gathering

February 1, 2023
6-9PM

A specialty grains meet-up reception and dinner at Hermitage Farm in Goshen, KY with local small grain plant and soil scientists, growers, distributors, processors, and end-users from across the Ohio Valley joining in conversation and connection.



Reception and dinner sponsored by



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Special Guests

Tristan Noyes

Maine Grain Alliance
Executive Director (Center)

Dave Van Sanford PhD,

University of Kentucky
Wheat Breeder and
Genetics Professor
(Top Right)

Sarah Halcomb

Coordinator of the nascent
Ohio Valley Grain
Exchange
(Bottom Right)

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Opening Remarks by

Tim Nall

Brown-Forman SVP Chief
Global Supply Chain and
Technology Officer;
Dendrifund Past and
Founding Director
(Top Left)

Closing remarks by

Elizabeth McCall

Woodford Reserve Master
Distiller; Dendrifund Board
Director (Bottom Left)

Moderation

Robyn Paulekas

Meridian Institute
(Top Center)

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Table Hosts

Added: Ashton Wright & Brian Brandt

RT Case

Owner, South Fork Malthouse

Erica Fields

Founder, Brooks Grain LLC

John Halcomb

Farmer, Walnut Grove Farms

Sarah Halcomb

Walnut Grove Farms
Coordinator, Ohio Valley Grain Exchange

Krista Jacobsen

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Senior Global Category Manager for
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Elizabeth McCall

Master Distiller, Woodford Reserve
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Carl Schwinke

Vice President of Grain Supply,
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Rye Farmer Discussion
February 1 from 9:30AM - 1:00PM

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Farmers share their experiences of rye production to complement quantitative data collection on rye.
- Farmers and value chain members build relationships and exchange knowledge on the ongoing development of rye as a viable commercial product in Kentucky.

Break Out Discussions:

- Planning and Planting Rye
- Growing, Harvesting and Post-Harvest
- Scaling Production

Planning Committee: Dendrifund, Walnut Grove Farms, University of Kentucky, KY Small Grain Growers Association, American Farmland Trust, and Woodford Reserve / Brown-Forman
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| Moderated by Meridian Institute |

Ohio Valley Grain Exchange

Small Group Planning Meetings
February 1 from 1:30 - 5:30PM

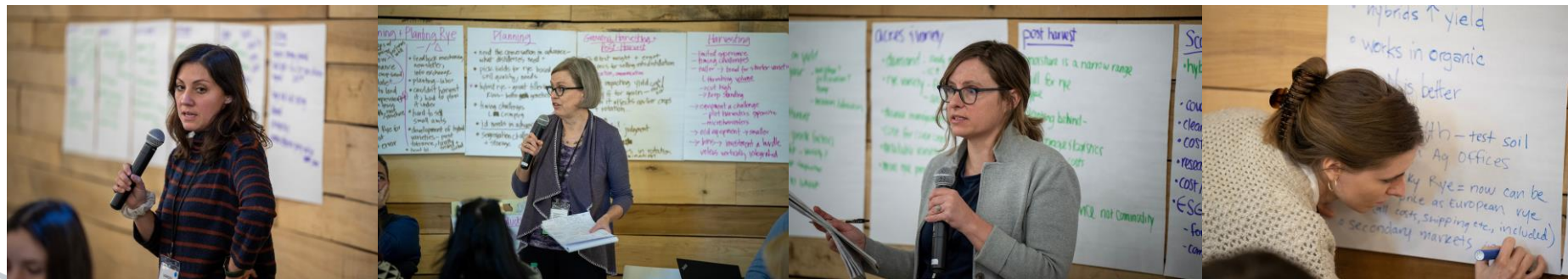
MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Align on a vision, mission, and goals for the Ohio Valley Grain Exchange.
- Outline priority activities and tangible next steps for each goal area.

Full Group Discussions, Prioritization, and Planning Next Steps:

- Goal 1: Connectivity and relationships
- Goal 2: Research and information sharing
- Goal 3: Improve the infrastructure
- Goal 4: Enhance demand and marketing

Hosted by Sarah Halcomb, Dave Van Sanford, & Barbara Hurt
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Meridian Moderators from Left to Right: Vanessa Kulick Price, Heather Lair, Robyn Paulekas and Anne Seefeldt

INITIATIVE TO BRING RYE BACK TO KENTUCKY, Rye Farmer Discussion, February 1 from 9:30am - 1:00pm



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OHIO VALLEY GRAIN EXCHANGE, Small Group Planning Meeting, February 1 from 1:30 - 5:30pm



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