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Pest Management in Organic Production Systems

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Three things to remember when thinking about pest management in organic production systems are: prevention, prevention, and prevention. Whether talking about insect or mite pests, diseases, or weeds, organic growers have fewer chemical tools available to them to deal with pests compared with conventional growers. By supporting the system's ecology, both above and below ground, and limited and timely use of other inputs, pests can (usually) be successfully managed in organic systems. In this webinar, NCAT's Rex Dufour will discuss basic principles and approaches for managing weeds, diseases, and arthropod and vertebrate pests in organic systems. Management tools and informational resources will also be discussed.

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