



## “Lean” Concepts Applied to Crop Production

Friday, Jan. 25th

### ***About the Session:***

Learn how to incorporate Lean Principles into your farming operation to create processes that need less human effort, less space, less capital and less time while increasing your profits, customer satisfaction and the quality of your life. This half day workshop will take you on a deep dive tour of Hartman’s Claybottom Farm and show you the “lean thinking” concepts they employ --like 5S organizing, heijunka (load-leveling), and VSM (visual system management)--to earn a comfortable living from 1/2 acre of cultivated land.

### ***About the Speaker:***

Ben Hartman is the author of *The Lean Farm* and *The Lean Farm Guide to Growing Vegetables*. He and his wife operate Clay Bottom Farm in northern Indiana, where they earn a living working 35 hours or less per week selling specialty crops to restaurants, at a farmers market, and through a CSA. Hartman has adapted the Lean Principles of value stream thinking to agriculture using innovative techniques to create a viable business, healthy lifestyle and sustainable future from ½ acre of cultivated land.

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