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2024 NOFA NJ Mini Grants

Earlier this year, NOFA NJ implemented a Grant-In-Aid from the State of NJ to support farm businesses with critical infrastructure, such as coolers, post-harvest processing, and more. The grants (up to \$10,000 each) had a profound impact on the recipient farms and allowed many to scale up their business and increase their profitability. [Read about the Mini-Grant Projects here.](#)

When you support NOFA NJ, you support investments into the community beyond our events, programs, and activities. Your support directly translates into improvements throughout the food system, supporting farmers, consumers, and everyone in-between. Read our 2024 Year In Review to learn more.

[2024 Year-In-Review](#)



--A hard-working farm dog takes a break for morning sun at Provenance Farm in Whitehouse Station,

NJ--

NOFA-NJ EVENTS

11/20 - Weekly Technical Assistance Open Hour

Every Wednesday at 9AM, join NOFA NJ via Zoom and receive focused support with your farm's needs, from interpreting soil test results to troubleshooting irrigation and connecting to markets. [MORE INFO](#)

11/27 - Monthly Organic Open House

The last Wednesday of each month, join NOFA NJ at 9AM via Zoom for an open community discussion centered around Organic farming. [MORE INFO](#)

01/25/25 - NOFA NJ's 35th Annual Winter Conference

Join us in Asbury Park for a weekend filled with education, connection, and lots of local food as we highlight efforts to support local farming and food systems throughout the Garden State. [MORE INFO](#)

Sponsors - Choose from a variety of Sponsorship options, from "owning" a workshop room to placing an ad in the event program. [SPONSOR](#)

Exhibitors - Promote your organization, sell your local products, and connect with an audience that certainly digs what you're growing.

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Vermont Compost Bulk Order

It's that time of year again - get your orders in for NOFA NJ's group order from Vermont Compost Company. This year, orders must be submitted to NOFA NJ by December 1 and paid in full by December 16. NOFA NJ will select a delivery/pickup site based on the geography of participants.

View the 2024/25 Vermont Compost Wholesale Info Sheet for details on products/pricing. NOFA NJ Membership is required to participate in Bulk Order. Submit Your Order Here! [MORE INFO](#)

From the NOFA NJ Blog

Cali Alexander Recognized as NJ Farm Bureau Woman of the Year!

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

12/3 - Foodshed Alliance Organic Crop Planning Webinar

Join Farmer Dave Zelov of Kittatinny Mountain Farm to learn about crop planning on Organic farms. He'll talk about assessing your site for optimal crop selections, tips for choosing varieties, planning your realistic production goals, estimating yields, assessing different marketing outlets, creating a planting schedule, fitting it all in to your crop rotation, and more. [MORE INFO](#)

12/5 - RFN-NJ Networking Event

Join the Regenerative Farm Network at Hawk Pointe in Washington, NJ, to connect directly with nonprofits and agencies behind the financial, technical, and educational programs open to NJ farmers. [MORE INFO](#)

12/10 - Finances of High Tunnel Production Workshop

Join us for a 2-hour online workshop designed to make enterprise budgeting and record-keeping easy and practical for all farmers. Led by a seasoned agricultural business expert, this interactive session will walk you through tracking yields and costs, allowing you to make informed comparisons between high tunnel and open-field production. [MORE INFO](#)

12/19 - Organic Study Circle: Certification and Transition

Join this Penn State Extension webinar to learn about organic certification and transition processes from industry experts. Panelists from Pennsylvania Certified Organic, NOFA NY, Rodale Institute, and the USDA Farm Service Agency will share their insights on certification requirements and support available for transitioning farms. [MORE INFO](#)

Welded Wire & Farm Gate Bulk Order

Provenance Farm in Whitehouse Station, NJ is ordering farm gates and wire mesh directly from the manufacturer in China. Provenance Farm has worked with this company in 2024 and has navigated the import process to save money by going to the source. Interested individuals should email Martha at provenancefarms@gmail.com. [MORE INFO](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Township of Montgomery - [Conservation Stewardship Technician](#)
- Ninety Acres - [Culinary Chef Assistant](#)
- Carversville Farm Foundation - [Livestock Farmer](#)
- Carversville Farm Foundation - [Seasonal Vegetable Farmer](#)
- Carversville Farm Foundation - [Harvest Lead Vegetable Production Farmer](#)
- Fairgrown Farm - [Assistant Field Manager](#)
- Reed's Organic Farm - [Executive Director](#)
- Rancocas Creek Farm - [Assistant Farm Manager & 2025 Apprentices](#)
- Xerces Society - [Pollinator Conservation Specialist & NRCS Partner](#)
- Rolling Hills Farm - [Wash/Pack Microgreens Manager](#)

Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops

GRANTS & FUNDING

Did your specialty crop operation recently incur on-farm food safety program expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification? You may be eligible for financial assistance through USDA's Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FSCSC) for 2024 and 2025. [MORE INFO](#)

USDA Farm-to-School Grant Program

On an annual basis, USDA awards competitive Farm to School grants that support planning, developing, and implementing farm to school programs. USDA's Farm to School grants are an important way to help state, regional, and local organizations as they initiate, expand, and institutionalize farm to school efforts. [MORE INFO](#)

Northeast SARE Historically Underserved Grants

This grant program funds projects that create farming and food system opportunities for historically underserved farmers/farming communities and prioritizes work that engages, and is led by, people with experience from those communities. [MORE INFO](#)

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Visit Bone In Food's online store to check out their diverse offerings and to **Support Local Farms!**

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Camberly Gardens is a family-owned and operated company handling all your landscape needs from design to construction, planting, maintenance and more. For over 25 years, they have brought an organic-friendly and community-focused approach to their customers, whether through their garden center or through landscaping works.



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