

# NOFA · NJ

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## Healthy Farmers = Higher Profits

Since launching our [Farmer Wellness Initiative](#) in 2022, we've been eagerly seeking funding for our efforts to support farmer wellness. Beyond the basics of mental and physical well-being, we believe that farmer wellness should be approached holistically and should include nutrition, financial literacy, good HR practices, kinesiology, stress management, community engagement, and so much more.



After all, healthy humans and happy farm crews miss fewer work days, return season after season, and cost less to train and hire. Better stress management means better decision-making in the field and in the office. Improved farmer wellness directly improves the farm's bottom line!

Thankfully, in partnership with Virtua Health and Pinelands Preservation Alliance, NOFA NJ is an excited collaborator in *Mobilizing For Farmer Wellness*, a Northeast SARE grant project that is bringing experts and direct wellness services to farmers and farmworkers throughout NJ.

***Help guide our efforts - take this brief survey to inform project activities and farmworker needs and earn a \$25 e-gift card!***

[Take the Survey - English](#)

[Toma la Encuesta - Español](#)

## 02/14 - Print-Making Art Show & Fundraiser for NOFA NJ

This live printmaking event will mark the culmination of Nancy Hackett's Anne-Reeves Artist Residency. Hackett will activate the Sands lobby with finished prints on display and live linocut printmaking, offering visitors an opportunity to witness the printmaking process in real time. Guests are invited to observe as carved blocks are inked and printed by hand, celebrating both the residency conclusion and the power of process-based art.

This ongoing body of work explores the ecology of Central Jersey with an understated but important focus on farms and food systems. The reference images for the prints were from farms and gardens in New Jersey where Hackett has worked. In support of our local food system, a portion of the profits from these sales will be donated to Northeast Organic Farming Association of NJ (NOFA NJ).

[More Info](#)

## 02/16 - Business Plan Bootcamp Virtual Course

Business Plan Bootcamp is structured to provide you with essential business planning skills to enhance your operational success and sustainability. By the end of this 6-week course, you'll have completed a detailed business plan, setting a solid foundation for your agricultural venture. Previously offered in-person in 2016 and 2017, this program garnered positive feedback for its comprehensive coverage and practical application.

[Register Today!](#)

## 02/25 - *Good Grain* at Rodale Institute!

Join Filmmaker Jared Flesher and NOFA NJ Staff at Rodale Institute for a screening of GOOD GRAIN! This gathering is designed to bring together farmers, millers, brewers, buyers, and other supply-chain partners from both sides of the Delaware River to connect, share insights, and explore opportunities for collaboration. Participate in a post-Film Q&A with Jared Flesher and Scott Morgan (Morganics Family Farm). Light bites and refreshments will be provided.

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On the last Wednesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 AM, we provide a platform for farmers and community members to connect, share knowledge, and discuss relevant topics in organic farming. No registration needed - join us on Zoom!

[More Info](#)

### 03/04 - *Monthly Technical Assistance Open Hour*

Join NOFA NJ's Technical Assistance Staff on the first Wednesday of each month at 9AM a deep dive into seasonally-appropriate topics. As always, you can email specific support requests ahead of time to [TA@nofanj.org](mailto:TA@nofanj.org). Expect 50% of time to be dedicated to the monthly topic and 50% of time to address community requests and technical discussion. No registration needed - join us on Zoom!

[More Info](#)

### 03/20 - Food As Medicine Virtual Event

In partnership with *Eating For Your Health*, this NOFA NJ virtual event will bring together nationally respected voices to explore the connection between soil health, food quality, and human health. Featured speakers include David Montgomery and Anne Biklé, authors of *What Your Food Ate*, alongside Dr. Ron Weiss, who will discuss how whole-food diets can help prevent and treat chronic illness.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

### March '26: Final TOPP Mentorship Matches!

[More Info](#)

Interested in being a Mentor (earn \$\$) or Mentee to support the adoption of Organic practices? Sign up today!

### MOFGA Inspector Mentorship Program

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new Organic inspectors & inspectors learning new scopes!

## 2/18 - Farm Employment Laws Made Simple

This Farm Commons workshop will cover farm employment law fundamentals, including wage and hour rules, worker classification, and compliance basics, with a dedicated segment on H-2A employment.

[More Info](#)

## 2/21 - Raising Chickens 101 @ Cattail Hollow Farm

This one hour class will be a great way to learn the basics about raising your own backyard flock, and how to keep them happy and healthy

[More Info](#)

## 2/24 - NRCS Local Working Group Mtg.

Hunterdon, Somerset, & Union Counties - Help direct NRCS technical and financial resources locally and state-wide

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## 3/2 - Somerset County Board of Ag Burn Prevention & Response Training

In partnership with the Burn Center at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center

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## 3/5 - Holland Township Farm Auction

118.722-acre preserved farm with two houses, restricted for agricultural use

[More Info](#)

## 3/7 - Native Plant Society NJ Annual Meeting

This year's theme - Ecologies in Flux: Restoration, Resilience, and Disease in a Changing Landscape

[More Info](#)

## 3/7 - NJ Ag Society Annual Gala

[More Info](#)

agriculture, leadership, and community, featuring local food, awards ceremony, formal program, silent auction and more!

### 3/8 - Reed's Farm Lighter Later Oyster Fest

Enjoy oysters from local fisheries, along with beer, wine, wood-fired pizza, and live music, while supporting Reed's Farm's work to strengthen connections between people, the land, and local food systems!

[More Info](#)

### 3/10 - Effective Outreach & Marketing for More Food Access Customers

Attend this NJFDC webinar to get your market set up for success before the season begins.

[More Info](#)

### 3/19 - NJ Farmer & Fisher Wellness Forum

Join Rutgers Cooperative Extension to discuss, network, and advocate for improvements in industry wellness

[More Info](#)

### 6/4 - Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference

Join Members of the NOFA NJ Technical Assistance team, Scott Morgan and Virginia Lamb along with regional experts at this Agroforestry mini conference hosted by Penn State Extension. Details and registration are open but space is limited so sign up NOW if you want to learn about Forest Farming and Multifunction Woody Buffers. That's right, with multi function woody buffers you learn how to add income to the farm just by breaking wind ;) If cost is an issue please reach out as the PASA AMP program may have scholarship funding available to help.

[More Info](#)

### 7/13 - Penn State Extension Butcher School

[More Info](#)

with an innovative new program that matches career seekers with training and paid work experience while you learn.

## Opportunities in Organic Act Reintroduced in Congress

This legislation is a critical opportunity to reduce barriers to organic farming, strengthen organic supply chains, and ensure that farmers have the support they need to transition to—and remain in—organic production. As demand for organic food continues to grow while domestic production lags, the bill offers a timely and practical investment in U.S. organic agriculture.

[More Info](#)

## Seeking Floral Industry Partner for Workshop

The Robbinsville High School Agriculture Club is looking to partner with a local florist, garden center, or agricultural business to help host a hands-on Floral Design Workshop open to students and the general public

[More Info](#)

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lima Family Farms

[Butcher Support Staff](#)

MEVO

[Multiple Positions](#)

Maranatha Farm

[Seasonal Livestock Farm Hand](#)

Maranatha Farm

[Seasonal Permaculture Farm Hand](#)

Maranatha Farm

[Seasonal Farmer](#)

Maranatha Farm

Reed's Organic Farm

Field Crew Lead

Roots to River Farm

Crew Members

Trees For Graziers

Agroforestry Crew Lead

Rolling Harvest Food Rescue

Nutrition Education Intern

Ethos Farm-to-Health

Field Manager

Duke Farms

Community-Led Conservation Coordinator

Cherry Grove Organic Farm

Market/Field Staff

## GRANTS & FUNDING

Catalyzing Agroforestry Grant Program

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Native American Community Investment  
Project Funding

More Info

Black Farmer Fund Rapid Response Grants

More Info

PA Native Plant Society Grant Program

More Info

CLIF Family Foundation Grants

More Info

Food Justice for Kids Prize

More Info

[Farmer Veteran Coalition Fellowships](#)[More Info](#)

## MARKET CONNECTIONS

*NOFA NJ Members are encouraged to share listings of product sought, product to sell, equipment for sale and more - email [nofainfo@nofanj.org](mailto:nofainfo@nofanj.org)!*

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



### Rodale Institute

Rodale Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to growing the regenerative organic agriculture movement through rigorous research, farmer training, and education.

Their groundbreaking science and direct farmer-support programs serve as a catalyst for change in farming and food production worldwide. Over its 75-year history, Rodale has proven that organic farming is not only viable, but essential to humanity's survival.



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