



NOFA-NJ

Summer Update

June and July have been big months for NOFA NJ, welcoming the launch of new initiatives and gearing up for a very active Fall season. Read on below to catch up on all that's happening behind the scenes!

August is FesTomato! Month

With multiple FesTomato! events lined up, NOFA NJ is in need of LOTS of tomatoes, a solid handful of volunteers, and we're welcoming food, farm, and tomato-themed vendors for our events at Ironbound and Walking Bird Farms. See below for details.

- **Saturday 8/8** - NOFA NJ Tomato Tasting at Flemington Corn, Beer, & Tomato Fest
- **Saturday 8/15** - FesTomato! at Ironbound Farm
- **Saturday 8/22** - FesTomato! at Walking Bird Farm
- **Sunday 8/30** - FesTomato! at Hunterdon Community Farmers Market



Farmers: NOFA NJ is looking to purchase a variety of cherry, grape, and saladette tomatoes and will promote your farm as part of the tomato tastings at each event. Interested in selling us tomatoes? Reply to this email!

Volunteers: We're in need of a few helping hands at each of our FesTomato events. Volunteers will help replenish tasting displays, connect with event attendees, and promote NOFA NJ in the process. Reply to this email if interested. *Plus, volunteers get free NOFA Merch!*

Reply to this email for more information. *FYI, NOFA NJ Full Members can be a Vendor for FREE!*

FesTomato! 2026

NOFA NJ Value-Added Processing Heats Up!

BIG NEWS: Farmers Process Community Kitchen is open for business! We received a satisfactory inspection from the County Department of Health and have made further improvements throughout the building — we're now able to support local producers with access to commercial kitchen space!

BIGGER NEWS: We can't make a full announcement just yet, but we've finally been awarded grant funding to support value-added processing! For the next two years, we'll be working with farmers to:

- Educate, train, trial, and test value-added products in the marketplace
- Develop value-added products and understand their profitability
- Create market opportunities to get more local food onto retail shelves
- Support food security partners in making the most of gleaned harvests

Email NOFA NJ to learn more about Farmers Process and our Value-Added projects!



Our first product — a simple Garlic Scape Salt — produced with support from Organic Food Incubator in partnership with Ironbound Farm and Hunterdon 579 Trail. Find it at FesTomato! events in August!

NOFA NJ has the equipment, expertise, and enthusiasm to help farmers and landowners with farm planning, projects, and production. Where our knowledge and abilities fall short, we have an incredible network of TAPs, TSPs, consultants, educators, experts and partner organizations to pick up the slack.

As a community-driven organization, our motive isn't profit — rather, it's appropriate solutions and lasting success for our greater community, including the humans, the ecology, and the businesses we serve. For us, lasting success means building a model that's not reliant on grant funding, and one that is able to support producers in any socioeconomic context.



NOFA NJ trialing fee-for-service event support at a local farm-to-table dinner, making use of our tables, chairs, event tent, tableware and more!

NOFA NJ Fee-for-Service activities leverage access to our equipment (including trucks, trailers, tractors, implements, catering equipment, event supplies and more) and our network to help you find a solution at any scale. Reach out to NOFA NJ to learn more!

New NOFA NJ Member Benefit: Seed and Skillet!

Seed and Skillet was founded on two simple premises:

1. Support those who grow, produce, and serve our food.
2. Offer a low-cost bookkeeping service for small and mid-size organizations.



Seed and Skillet can support your operation with data entry, AR & AP, basic bookkeeping and seamless handoff to your CPA at tax time. We work exclusively with

For everyone:

- Custom pricing based on your business needs.
- Free onboarding from QBO (or other software) to Ambrook.
- First year discounted monthly subscription for Ambrook.
- Quarterly sanity check-ins. Review the data, vent and brainstorm.
- No contract required.

Exclusive for NOFA members:

- First two months of service at no cost
- \$50 donation back to NOFA NJ for each Member that signs up

Haven't touched your books since last year? No problem. Take advantage of this discounted clean-up and catch up before things spiral out of control. For more information, please call Sean at 201-916-0123 or email sean@seedandskillet.com

NOFA NJ Partners with Pasa on Soil Health Research; Opportunities for NJ Farmers

Serious about soil health on your farm? NOFA NJ is partnering with Pasa on their Soil Health Benchmark Study (SHBS), a long-term, nationwide, community science project that helps farmers track the overall health of their soils over time and see how their data compares with that of peers.

By identifying what's typical and what's possible for soil health on working farms, this project allows farmers to assess whether their soil health management practices are achieving the intended results, and where opportunities exist for improvement. Soil sampling and testing services will be provided, and there is a stipend for farmers for providing management records.

Interested in seeing if you're eligible? [Click here to complete the Intake Survey](#) (it will take about 20-30 minutes.)

If it is determined that you are NOT eligible for the SHBS there are limited funds available just for soil sampling and testing, so please still complete the Intake Survey.

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