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2026 NOFA NJ Winter Conference



It's about that time for a reminder... mark your calendars for January 30 - February 1, 2026! Held on the last Saturday of January each year, join us for a celebration of local farms, local food, and incredible community!

We're back at the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in Asbury Park. Connect with fellow farmers, gardeners, chefs, educators, suppliers, policymakers and more while celebrating local food systems. Attendees can look forward to:

- **Friday Evening** Join for a relaxed industry networking crawl around town
- **Saturday All Day** Full-Day conference, trade show, makers' market, live music, hands-on workshops and more
- **Sunday Morning** NOFA NJ Annual Membership Meeting w/local breakfast

More Info TBA!

NOFA - NJ EVENTS

9/21 - Pawpaw Day at Hunterdon Community Farmers Market

Connect with local pawpaw producers, enjoy educational pawpaw presentations and taste several varieties of this short-season native fruit!

9/24 - Monthly Organic Open House

Join NOFA NJ for our Monthly Organic Open House, a platform for farmers and community members to connect, share knowledge, and discuss relevant topics in organic farming!

[MORE INFO](#)

9/27 - Seed Production Workshop at Wildflower Farm

Join Tomia MacQueen (Wildflower Farm, NOFA-NJ and The Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance) and Nate Kleinman (Experimental Farm Network, NOFA-NJ and The Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance) for a hands-on seed saving workshop. Learn about seed farming and how you can integrate small-scale seed production into your current farm as an additional income stream.

[MORE INFO](#)

10/1 - Monthly Technical Assistance Open Meeting

Join NOFA NJ's Technical Assistance Staff on the first Wednesday of each month at 9AM via Zoom for a deep dive into seasonally-appropriate topics. As always, you can email specific support requests ahead of time to TA@nofanj.org

[MORE INFO](#)

10/13 - Farmer Wellness Day at Pinelands Preservation Alliance

Join NOFA NJ, Partner Organizations and Farm Service Providers for a day of relaxed self-care and connection with fellow farmers! Hosted at PPA this year, NOFA NJ's Annual Farmer Wellness Day will feature:

- Farm Labor Movement Workshops with Cynthia Flores (Labor-Movement)
- Short educational sessions around self-care from partner wellness providers (including Virtua Health, Roots to Prevention, and more)
- Self-Care Giveaways and Handouts
- Mobile Healthcare Screenings
- Rancocas Creek Farm Walkabout

Don't miss out on a chance to take a break and spend some downtime with friends!

[MORE INFO](#)

Where Else to Find NOFA NJ This Month

Catch the NOFA NJ Team at the following community events in September:

- September 20 - [Hunterdon County World Fair](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



Cooler weather means happier farm dogs!

9/17 - *Food & Country* Film Screening at Princeton Garden

Join West Windsor Community Farmers Market for a screening of *Food & Country* along with a panel discussion featuring local farmers and food producers. [MORE INFO](#)

9/21 - Mushrooms 101 at LifeCap Farms

Curious about mushrooms? Whether you're a fungi fanatic or just mushroom-curious, this is your chance to dig in — literally. Mushroom 101 is a full-day, immersive experience where you'll learn how to grow using indoor & outdoor methods, harvest, and have a lunch using LifeCap mushrooms — all while connecting with community, wellness practitioners, and passionate growers. [MORE INFO](#)

9/24 - Annie's Project Information Session

Project Builds Viable Farms in Urban and Rural NJ". This grant-funded project will utilize four field trips & a six-part webinar series to reduce farm business risk by connecting urban and rural farmers to educational opportunities, resources, and each other. Attendees will learn about program objectives & activities, the expected benefits for participants, and receive information about program registration. [MORE INFO](#)

10/4 & 10/5 - Goat School w/ Gorgeous Goat Creamery

Goat School is a comprehensive course that focuses on everything you need to know for a successful first year with goats. It includes classroom instruction with hands-on goat experience. NOFA members save \$50 per using coupon code NOFA50 through September 30. [MORE INFO](#)

10/25 - Shiitake Growing Workshop at Maranatha Farm

This hands-on workshop is designed to guide you through the essentials of growing these delectable fungi. You will learn how to select the perfect hardwood logs for inoculation and master the art of nurturing them to fruition. Attendees will enjoy a farm tour, light refreshments, and a log of their own to take home. [MORE INFO](#)

10/7 - NESFP Farm Business Planning Course

The Farm Business Planning course is designed to help you create a written plan to start or expand your farm business. [MORE INFO](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Duke Farms

AgroEcology Operations Manager

NJ Dept. of
Agriculture

SADC Deputy Executive Director

Sourland Bread

Counter Help/Barista

American
Farmland Trust

Farms for a New Generation Director

Maranatha Farm

Vegetable Production Manager

GRANTS & FUNDING

NatGeo *Building Resilience In Agriculture* Program

This funding opportunity will support innovative projects that apply science and innovation in a real-world context, focused on feasible, nature-positive solutions. The projects should have measurable outcomes on the resilience of farms, farming communities, and natural ecosystems in the farming landscapes to the realities of changing climates and extreme weather events. The projects should include one or more of the following terrestrial food crops: corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, sugar beets, oilseeds (i.e. canola, sunflower, rice bran), rice, cocoa, oil palm, raisins and soy. [MORE INFO](#)

USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grants

RCDG funding is used improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance to start, expand, or improve cooperatives and mutually owned businesses in rural areas. [MORE INFO](#)

Agriculture & Food Research Initiative

The goal of this program is to invest in agricultural production research, education, and extension projects for more sustainable, productive, and economically-viable plant and animal production systems. [MORE INFO](#)

USDA NRCS EQIP & CSP Enrollment Open

EQIP and CSP can be great opportunities for both small and large operations seeking to improve the ecology and invest in conservation on the farm. Find a local USDA Service Center and connect with staff to learn more. [MORE INFO](#)

MARKET CONNECTIONS

NOFA NJ Members are encouraged to share listings - email nofainfo@nofanj.org!

La Finquita Farm Seeking Fennel Seedlings

Old Mill Pond Farm Seeking Organic Hay

Seeking 200 bales of organic hay for horses in mid/end October delivered to Washington NJ 07882. Product needs to be hay suitable for horses (balanced sugar, starch, fiber contents); preferably second-cutting mixed grasses, orchard grasses or timothy. [MORE INFO](#)

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



NorthSlope Farm

NorthSlope Farm is a diversified farm located in Lambertville, NJ, producing certified organic cut flowers, eggs, mixed vegetables, and a variety of niche products ranging from peaches to hazelnuts to herbal tea products. Farmers Mike and Colleen, along with a small team of passionate growers, sell goods to local businesses and at the West Windsor Farmers Market.

NorthSlope Farm has committed to positive land stewardship and to providing education, training and mentorship to beginning farmers. A perennial supporter of NOFA NJ, NorthSlope Farm hosts NOFA NJ offices and provides space and equipment for the NOFA NJ Bulk Order Program!



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