

# NOFA • NJ

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## A Cooperative Approach to Support Local Food



As an agricultural 501(c)3 nonprofit, NOFA NJ has the ability to win government grants, accept donations from individuals and businesses, and make the most of tax advantages afforded to nonprofit organizations.

*How we operate as a nonprofit is a direct reflection of our team, our vision, and guiding principles. **What makes NOFA NJ unique, and how do we put our community first?***

## Cooperative Economics

Each in-person NOFA NJ event prioritizes the promotion and support of local partners; we purchase and serve local food and beverages, we use registration fees to purchase local product to donate to food security partners, and we pay community members to share their talents and knowledge.

## Shared Resources & Local Investment

NOFA NJ is investing in and building resources that stand to benefit all stakeholders along the local food value chain, including our [Farmers Process Community Kitchen](#), [Cooperative Grain Processing Hub](#), [Equipment Access Program](#) (TBA Winter 2025), and more. We're taking the risk to develop

## A Welcoming Community

While Organic is in our name, our Membership and greater community extends into all industry and segments and demographics. From Organic to non-organic, from veggies to oysters, rural to urban, we create a welcome space for all. Regardless of your experience level, background, or interests, we're eager to learn from and have fun throughout the Garden State.

**Join us as we celebrate local food, local farms, and fantastic community!**

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## NOFA - NJ EVENTS

### 9/3 - Monthly Technical Assistance Open Hour - Fall Cover

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](mailto:TA@nofanj.org). This month's discussion will be around the topic of fall cover cropping.

[MORE INFO](#)

### 9/17 - Equipment Open House at Morganics Family Farm

*Limited to 15 Attendees!* Join NOFA NJ along with our Highlands TAP Trainees for an exploration and demonstration of various pieces of farming and grain processing equipment at Morganics Family Farm in Hillsborough, NJ.

[MORE INFO](#)

### 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 - Pawpaws at West Farm Nursery

Taste and learn how to grow the delicious North American Pawpaw, the largest tree fruit native to North America. Charlie West has grown pawpaws on his farm in Branchburg for over 10 years and foraged for them during his childhood on the family farm in Ohio. After a career as a college professor of Botany and Biological Sciences, he turned his attention to native fruit trees, especially pawpaws and American persimmons. The Wests will share tastes of several varieties of pawpaws and a few food items made from pawpaws.

[Register for September 27 Pawpaw Workshop](#)

## Where Else to Find NOFA NJ This Month

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

- September 17 - [Food & Country Screening at Princeton Garden Theater](#)
- September 20 - [Hunterdon County World Fair](#)

# COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



*Amazing community turnout for our  
Good Grain Film Premiere at PPA!  
Additional screenings will be announced  
soon!*

## 9/5 - Organic Roots Film Screening at Mercer County Library

Join Al Johnson, Vice-President of the NOFA NJ, for a documentary screening and discussion on the organic farming movement at the Lawrence branch of the Mercer County Library. [MORE INFO](#)

## 9/6 - Reed's Farm Fall Fest

Enjoy shopping the areas most talented artists, makers, crafters and growers at Reed's Farm! There will be live music, delicious farm food (including the return of our wood fired pizza!), cute animals, and more! [MORE INFO](#)

## 9/7 - 9/13 - Newark City-Wide Garden Tour

Join Newark Science and Sustainability along with 20+ partners for a week-long tour of urban farming and community garden spaces throughout Newark. [MORE INFO](#)

## 9/11 - Reclaiming City Spaces for Flower Farming Workshop

Join Elise Hanks, owner of Terra Luna, and Rodale Institute for a tour of Terra Luna Farm in Philadelphia and a conversation on how small-scale urban farms can thrive; explore creative ways to make unconventional spaces productive, profitable, and pollinator-friendly. [MORE INFO](#)

## 9/25 - Confined Spaces in Ag Webinar

Join AgriSafe Learning Lab to explore the dangers of confined spaces in agriculture, including grain bins and manure pits, and the hazards involved in working with each. [MORE INFO](#)



Learn about the foundations of care farming, including different program models, therapeutic approaches, and strategies for designing a program that fits your goals and community, co-hosted with Suzanne Kapral, a respected advisor in farm-based interventions who provides expert counsel across the United States. [MORE INFO](#)

## 9/30 - CROPS Farm-to-Fork Fundraiser

Attend this farm-to-table event to support CROPS in their work supporting local producers, food access and food security in Atlantic County. [MORE INFO](#)

## 10/8 - Hands-On Produce Safety Workshop

Focused on the various actions that can be part of a strong produce safety plan, activities will include building a DIY hand-washing station, assessing wildlife risks in the field, an interactive cleaning and sanitizing demonstration, and more. [MORE INFO](#)

## 10/14 - OATS Organic Fertilizer Webinar

Join an organic agronomist and farmer to talk through some crucial questions: What are good sources of organic fertility? And how can we use field history, yield data, and soil tests to determine fertilizer rates? [MORE INFO](#)

## NJ Food Democracy Collaborative *Ask An Expert* Series

Join NJFDC's webinar series featuring conversations and Q&A with experts in multiple aspects of the food system.

- 8/26 - Aggregating From Local Farmers with James Klett, Fairgrown Farms
- 9/22 - Value-Added Products with Coddwomple Canning & NOFA NJ
- 10/1 - Nonprofit Food Hubs with The Common Market & Urban Ag Cooperative

Each event is **open to South Jersey farmers and local food system stakeholders**. *If you are interested in participating and are outside of South Jersey, contact Jonathan Wetstein at [Jonathan@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:Jonathan@pinelandsalliance.org).* [MORE INFO](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Maranatha Farm

Vegetable Production Manager

Rutgers

Foodshed Alliance

Executive Director

City Green

Farm Intern

FoHVOS

Land Steward

## GRANTS & FUNDING

### 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](mailto:nofainfo@nofanj.org)!*

### 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](#)

### Ironbound Farm Seeking Beef Tallow

Ironbound Farm is seeking beef tallow for sale in their Montclair and Asbury markets. [MORE INFO](#)



## The Tuckahoe Inn

The Tuckahoe Inn is a casual family restaurant located on the bay in Marmora, NJ, just south of Somers Point in Atlantic County. Opened in 1963, the Inn has served as a community hub and live music venue. Visit the Tuckahoe Inn for your next meal, for drinks with friends, or to plan your next party or special event



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