

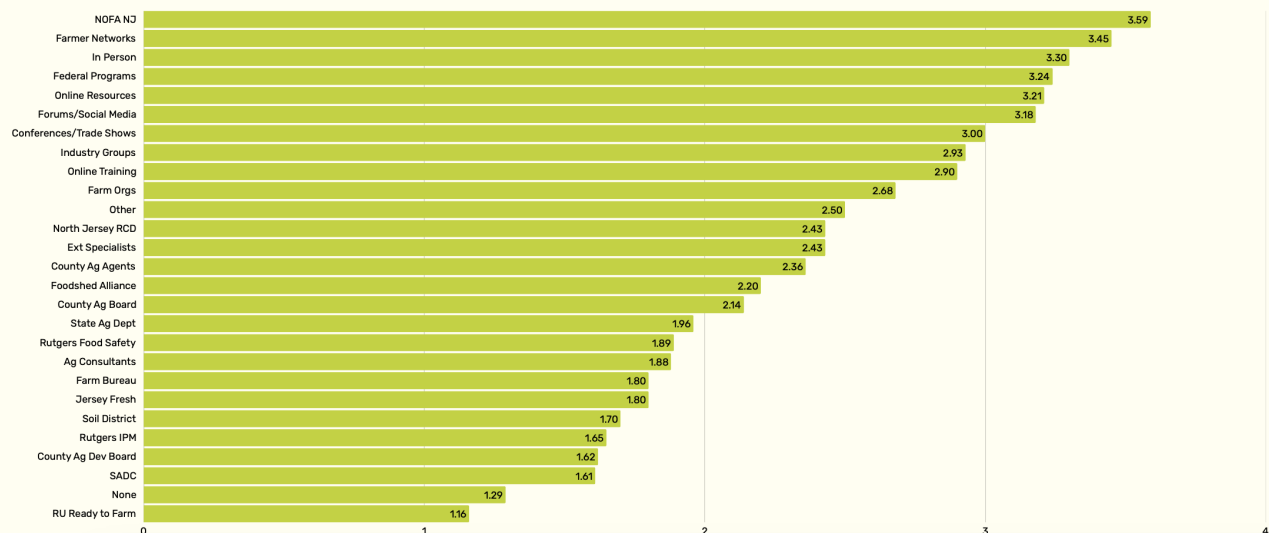
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Survey Shows NOFA NJ #1 Service Provider to NJ Organic & Regenerative Farms

Services Having a Positive Impact on Business

- Survey takers were asked to rank the level of positive impact the following services have had on their farms' success. These ratings offers providers that have lower average scores the opportunity to respond to the needs of this community.
- For this report, all respondents were farm owners, and some services do not target that sector. Another possible factor to consider for some scores is that some service do not direct outreach to the organic/regenerative farming subset.



Earlier this year, the Organic & Regenerative Farming Board of New Jersey (ORFBNJ) [surveyed](#) 200+ farm business owners to better understand the needs of their operation. NOFA NJ ranked #1 as having the highest impact on respondents' success!

Help us continue to provide professional, relevant, and timely resources and support to farms throughout the Garden State.

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NOFA-NJ EVENTS

10/23 - Stockton Nursery & Orchard Farm Tour/Happy Hour

Join Stockton Nursery & Orchard Owner for a casual farm tour, orchard walk, and discussion of fall farm activities. Afterwards, continue the conversation at Odd Bird Brewing for more community, pizza, and local cheer.

[MORE INFO](#)

10/29 - Monthly Organic Open House

Join NOFA NJ for our Monthly Organic Open House! 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.

[MORE INFO](#)

11/05 - 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.

[MORE INFO](#)

12/07 - West Windsor Community Farmers Market - *Good Grain* Film Screening at West Windsor Arts Center

Join NOFA NJ and Hundred Year Films for a screening of *Good Grain* sponsored by the award-winning West Windsor Community Farmers Market (WWCFM) at the West

vendors from WWCFM to purchase artisan, locally-grown grains products..

[MORE INFO](#)

Vermont Compost Bulk Order - Orders Due December 1st

It's time to plan for the NOFA NJ Bulk Order of Vermont Compost! NOFA NJ will begin accepting orders on November 1st, and all orders (with payment) must be placed by December 1st to participate. **Bulk Order is open to NOFA NJ Members Only**

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:: COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



Gorgeous Organic pears harvested at peak ripeness at Comeback Farm in Asbury, NJ.

10/29 - NESFP Employment Workshop Series: Farm Labor 101

In this webinar, Beth Holtzman (UVM Extension) will introduce the Farm Labor Dashboard, a free online suite of tools to support better labor planning and management. Beth will also share strategies for recruitment, training, and performance evaluation, and more. [MORE INFO](#)

10/30 - Cover Crops in the Vineyard Webinar

In this Climate Talk, Regenerative Viticulture Foundation hosts and guests will dive into the real-world challenges of managing cover crops in vineyards, sharing practical

11/05 - Pasa Workshop: Small Engine Repair & Maintenance

Join Pasa at Delaware Valley University for a hands-on workshop on two-stroke and four-stroke engines with trainer Sarah Groat. In this workshop, we'll dive deep into the inner workings of two-stroke and four-stroke gasoline engines. We'll learn how they function, their systems and parts, preventative maintenance tactics, and how to diagnose common issues. [MORE INFO](#)

11/09 - Rutgers RU Ready to Farm Equipment Day

Join the Rutgers Beginner Farmer Program and Rutgers Cooperative Extension for an Equipment Demonstration day at Hlubik Farms, Sunday November 9th! Tillage equipment, plastic layers, two-wheel tractors and more will be shown, covering safety, proper usage, and maintenance. Guests from other Rutgers programs including the Soil and Diagnostic Laboratories, Integrated Pest Management, and Food safety will be tabling. NOFA NJ, and SADC's Next Gen Farm Program will also make an appearance to share more information about their organizations, and how they work with NJ's agriculture industry. [MORE INFO](#)

11/13 - Webinar: Leveraging USDA Funding for Urban Farm Infrastructures

Join Pasa for a tour of three Philadelphia-based urban farms and learn from their experience with USDA funding. They'll tour the Original American Foundation, Reinhard St. Community Farm & Kitchen, and Mill Creek Urban Farm and learn how they've used USDA funding for farm infrastructure, including high tunnels, raised beds, and composting facilities. You'll also hear from representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA) and receive applicable resources for urban farms. [MORE INFO](#)

Locust Light Farm *Winter Sunshine* Herbal Workshop Series

Join Herbalist and Farmer Amanda Crooke in the season of increasing darkness to learn herbal techniques to embrace this potent time — and survive it. In this three-class series, she'll explore herbal care for common winter challenges. Each class will be hands-on and fun, involving lots of winter joy and camaraderie. Take the whole series or just one class — it's up to you: Herbs for Winter Mood Support, Herbs for Winter Immune & Respiratory Support, and Herbs for Winter Skincare. [MORE INFO](#)

Annie's Project Farm Business Management Course

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is pleased to announce the upcoming program, called "Networks to Reduce Risk: Building Viable NJ Farms". The program will include four

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Maranatha Farm

Vegetable Production Manager

Northeast Organic Family Farm
Partnership

Field Coordinator

Black Farmer Fund

Sr. Impact Investment Manager

Black Farmer Fund

Sr. Business Support Manager

Foodshed Alliance

Executive Director

Love Grows Farm

Vegetable Manager

GRANTS & FUNDING

Northeast SARE Farmer Grants

Grants up to \$30,000. Farmers, working with a collaborating technical advisor, lead a research and/or education project that explores innovative solutions to challenges on the farm. [MORE INFO](#)

Northeast Dairy Innovation Grants

This grant will fund projects that help dairy farmers improve their operations for long-term success. Eligible projects may modernize outdated systems or introduce innovative solutions to improve farm viability, reduce climate impacts, improve milk quality or value, improve worker conditions, and strengthen the farm's ability to respond to challenges. [MORE INFO](#)

:: MARKET CONNECTIONS

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

Local Hot Sauce Processor Seeking Hot Peppers

Jersey Organics is seeking habanero, jalapeno, scotch bonnet, and hungarian hot wax peppers for their hot sauce products (along with carrots and onion). Items need to be Certified Organic or grown using organic practices. [MORE INFO](#)

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New Jersey Highlands Council

The New Jersey Highlands Council is the state agency responsible for overseeing implementation of the 2004 *New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act*, which safeguards the New Jersey Highlands from excessive development and environmental degradation.

NOFA NJ is currently supported by the NJ Highlands Council through their Sustainable Ag Grant program, along with several other grantees working to support ag viability and sustainability throughout the Highlands region.



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