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Transition to Organic Partnership Program



Last month, NOFA NJ was excited to host the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic TOPP Core Partner Meeting. We've had the privilege of working with this group of Organic leaders from Maine to West Virginia through the TOPP program.

TOPP has helped several NJ farms to achieve their Organic Certification, has allowed NOFA NJ to host many educational, training, and community-building events, and is currently funding direct Technical Assistance to producers. What's more, it has strengthened partnerships and prompted robust collaboration throughout the region.

TOPP is now accepting Mentor and Mentee registrations for the 2026 Cohort.

Don't sleep on this opportunity to get (or give) support to fellow farmers and fortify the Organic movement. TOPP Mentees receive free Mentorship to support their Organic farming activity, from developing an OSP to problem-solving in the field. TOPP Mentors receive a \$3,000 stipend along with support from PCO to ensure a successful Mentor/Mentee relationship.

[Learn More & Sign Up Today!](#)

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 Pinelands Preservation Alliance!

[MORE INFO](#)

10/18 - Growing Great Garlic Workshop at Wildflower Farm

Fall is the time to plant your garlic! This powerful plant is not only delicious but incredibly healthy, with many medicinal uses. Let Tomia MacQueen demonstrate how to never have to buy garlic again in this easy, 2-hour outdoor workshop.

[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](#)

Check out the latest NOFA Podcast: *Agroforestry in the Northeast*

Listen and learn about various agroforestry projects and practices with NOFA Members and Friends including Fields Without Fences, Eric Toensmeier, Northern Forest Foods, and more.

[Listen Here!](#)



Several NOFA NJ Members helped pack the barn at Churchtown Dairy for the Real Organic Project symposium in late September.

10/16 - NJFDC Fall Mixer Fundraiser at Cream Ridge Winery

Enjoy wine tastings, seasonal small plates, take home a local bouquet, meet fellow advocates, connect with NJFDC's Executive Director and Advisory Board, and learn more about their work to strengthen New Jersey's food system. [MORE INFO](#)

11/10 - PCO TOPP Tour at Carversville Farm Foundation

Join the farm tour of a diverse 350-acre farm of vegetables, grassfed beef, and pastured poultry at the Carversville Farm Foundation! Steve Tomlinson, farm manager, will lead the tour of this certified organic operation. Carversville Farm Foundation is unique in that all the products grown are donated to Philadelphia-area soup kitchens, homeless shelters, hospitals, and food pantries. [MORE INFO](#)

12/6 - Stockton Growing Together Forum (Accepting Vendors!)

Join Stockton University for the Second Annual *South Jersey Growing Together Forum*! Enjoy a pancake breakfast with syrup from Stockton's sugar bush, engaging presentations and hands-on activities for both adults and children, farm tours, connection, and more. [MORE INFO](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Love Grows Farm

Vegetable Manager

Duke Farms

AgroEcology Operations Manager

[Agriculture](#)[Sourland Bread](#)[American
Farmland Trust](#)[Counter Help/Barista](#)[Farms for a New Generation Director](#)

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](#)

Growing Justice Fund

Growing Justice Fund is a pooled fund that invests in efforts to solidify the leadership, dignity, and power of Tribal, Indigenous, Black, Latinx, Asian, and immigrant people to identify and drive solutions that expand the market for good food from locally- or regionally-owned, and environmentally/economically-sustainable farms, ranches, fisheries, & food businesses. [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](#)

MARKET CONNECTIONS

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

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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