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On Veterans Day, we pause to honor the service, courage, and sacrifice of our nation's veterans and their families. Your commitment has protected our freedoms and strengthened our communities, and we are deeply grateful.

To every veteran: thank you. To the families who have stood beside you through deployments, moves, and long nights—thank you as well. Your resilience inspires us.

If you are a veteran, please know we see you, we appreciate you, and we're here for you. If there's a way we can support you, or if you're comfortable sharing your story, we would be honored to listen.

Wishing all who served a day of recognition, respect, and peace. Thank you for your service—today and every day

In 2023, Veteran Farmers of New Jersey was established within NOFA NJ to engage and support veterans interested in agriculture & food systems through community building, technical support, mentorship & educational opportunities.

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## **ENOFA-NJ EVENTS**

#### 11/26 - Monthly Organic Open House (Zoom)

Connect with fellow community members, ask questions and share knowledge, and discuss current events within NOFA NJ & Organic farming.



Join NOFA NJ's Technical Assistance Staff for a deep dive into seasonally-appropriate topics. Email specific technical support requests ahead of time to TA@nofanj.org.



# 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 Windsor Arts Council. Enjoy a mini-market featuring local grains and a post-screening snacks, discussion, and Q&A.



#### 12/16 & 12/17 - Virtual Northeast Organic Farming Symposium

Join the 7 NOFA Chapters for Growing Our Region: Northeast Organic Farming Symposium, a two-day online event designed to support and strengthen organic agriculture across the Northeast. Supported through the Transition to Organic Partnership Program, this free symposium brings together leading regional organizations to offer a unique series of hour-long webinars focused on intermediate to advanced farming practices.

Tailored for a range of organic producers, from seasoned growers to those wanting to expand their knowledge, this event will feature technical content grounded in research, innovative methods, and real-world production challenges relevant to the Northeast. Whether you're looking to refine your current practices or build a strong foundation for your organic journey, this symposium offers valuable insights, practical strategies, and timely knowledge to help you succeed.



#### 01/30 - 02/01 - NOFA NJ 36th Annual Winter Conference

Save the Date! We're back in Asbury Park for our Annual Winter Conference, an event you don't want to miss. Enjoy a Friday evening food security gathering; all-day Saturday conference, trade show, local food showcase, live music and film screening;

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**MORE INFO** 

#### Vermont Compost Bulk Order - Paused Until Further Notice

We apologize for the inconvenience, but until our Federal grant funding is unfrozen, we will not be able to coordinate the Vermont Compost bulk order. Updates on bulk order activities will be announced in the Weekly Newsletter.

## **::** COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



NOFA NJ's Winter Conference is fun for the whole family! Bring the youngsters to enjoy the Kids Track while you make the most of workshops & educational sessions!

#### 11/19 - Payroll Strategies for Financial Stability (Virtual)

Join FSA and The Carrot Project for a practical session on how safety net programs and smart financial planning can help you keep payroll steady, even in tough times. Learn the latest updates on crop insurance programs and how they can strengthen your farm's financial stability. MORE INFO

#### 11/17 - Mock Organic Inspection Workshop

Join Rutgers Gardens Student Farm and Al Johnson, IOIA-accredited inspector and NOFA NJ Vice President for a mock organic certification inspection of the RGSF in New Brunswick, NJ. This workshop will include a field walk, review of an OSP and the farm's materials and inputs, discussion of buffer zones, and time to ask questions and network with other producers in the community. MORE INFO

12/4 - 19s, Immigration, and ICE Raids on the Farm (Virtual)

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nelp agricultural employers protect the stability of their operation and the communities on which they depend. on how to correctly verify a worker's eligibility for employment in the US, including where things can get complicated with no-match letters and retaining documents. The session will also address how to respond lawfully and with care if Immigration and Customs Enforcement visits. MORE INFO

#### 12/10 - NJ Food Democracy Collaborative Farm-to-Table Event

Join NJFDC for The Collaborative Table, an intimate farm-to-table gathering bringing together friends, partners, and supporters of NJFDC. This warm, community-driven evening is a chance to celebrate five years of collective NJFDC action toward a more just, resilient, and equitable food system in New Jersey. MORE INFO

### 01/08 - NPSNJ Native Meadows, Glades and other Sunny Habitats: Ecology, Restoration, and Gardens (Virtual)

Join Native Plant Society of NJ and Wild Ridge Plants for a discussion on the ecology of open sunny plant habitats, lawn to meadow conversions, gravel gardens, pocket meadows and larger meadow projects, and the profound importance of humans in creating and maintaining these habitat types, including the role of fire, forestry, landscaping, and ecological restoration. **MORE INFO** 

#### Join the Gorgeous Goat Farm Club

The goats are Gorgeous Goat Creamery are ready to start their next chapter and you can be a part of it. Join the 2026 Farm Club to support the goats and get exclusive members- only access. This is the perfect way to always have an adventure on your schedule, with quarterly members-only events at no cost to members. Invite your friends and family to join you at selected member events. Get a 10% discount on our regularly scheduled events and save 15% every time you shop at the farm store or online shop! MORE INFO

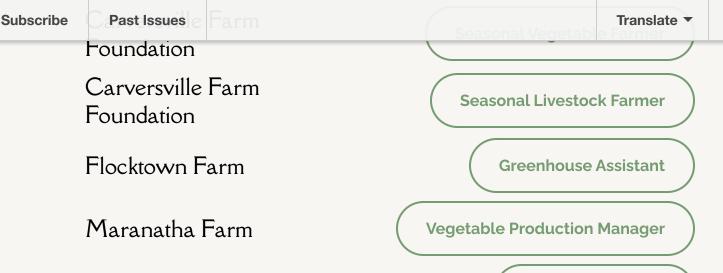
### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Stockton University

**Assistant Production Specialist (Stockton Maple** Project)

Carversville Farm **Foundation** 

Harvest Lead Vegetable **Production Farmer** 



Foodshed Alliance

**Executive Director** 

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### **GRANTS & FUNDING**

#### Seed Money Garden Grants

The SeedMoney Challenge is a free, 30-day crowdfunding opportunity for public food garden projects around the world—including school, community, food bank, and senior gardens. Projects keep 100% of what they raise and can also earn bonus grants from \$100 to \$1,000 based on performance. The more you raise, the more you can win. **MORE INFO** 

# NJ RC&D - Funding Open for One-to-One Technical Assistance Consultations & Soil Testing

Through the Regenerative Farm Network (RFN-NJ), North Jersey RC&D is offering 1:1 technical assistance and consultations to RFN-NJ members. **MORE INFO** 

#### 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** 

## :: MARKET CONNECTIONS

NOFA NJ Members are encouraged to share listings of product sought, product to sell, equipment for sale and more - email nofainfo@nofanj.org!

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