



NOFA-NJ

Calling All NJ Farmers & Farmers Market Managers!

Join farmers, market managers, mobile market operators and community partners from across the state for the NJ Farmers Market Symposium, a free, interactive virtual gathering focused on strengthening farmers markets and helping them thrive.

Hosted by New Jersey Food Democracy Collaborative, participants will dig into the real challenges and opportunities facing NJ markets from attracting and retaining customers to navigating food access and payment systems, managing staffing and volunteers, building community partnerships, and exploring new market models.

This isn't just another webinar. It's an opportunity to connect with others doing this work, exchange practical ideas, learn what's working in other communities, and help shape the future of farmers markets in New Jersey.

Come ready to share! Whether you have a challenge to tackle, a success story to tell, or an idea worth exploring, we want your voice in the conversation.



[Register Here!](#)

Each year, NOFA NJ helps our farm Members (and gardeners, too!) with bulk purchasing opportunities, from potting soil and compost to feed and fertilizer. NOFA NJ fronts the payment, helps coordinate the order, and receives the shipment and arranges individual farm pickups at a site central to the participants.

In the past, our Executive Director and Board President have been out there in the rain, mud, snow, and at night, receiving the orders and loading the trucks and trailers of farmers. And guess what? We do it as a service for our Members, and we don't profit from the program.



A recent Vermont Compost delivery awaiting farmer pickup at North Slope Farm

Along this same topic, NJ Assemblyman Alex Sauickie has introduced legislation to bring more support to bulk purchasing services for farmers. [Assembly Bill 4029](#) will:

"establish a "Farmer Supply Link Program" to support New Jersey farmers in purchasing bulk agricultural supplies... to mitigate the costs of starting and managing a farm business, and to maintain and improve the resilience of the farming industry. The program is to be administered by county agriculture development boards... Boards would also be authorized to contract with an overseeing third-party, non-profit agency to organize agricultural party aggregator participation..."

Agriculture, County Agricultural Development Boards, farm suppliers and other partners involved in reducing the costs of doing business in the Garden State.

For more information on NOFA NJ's upcoming Bulk Purchasing activities, email nofainfo@nofanjan.org

NOFA - NJ EVENTS

10/28 - 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 via Zoom, we provide a platform for farmers and community members to connect, share knowledge, and discuss relevant topics in organic farming. The Monthly Organic Open Houses will also provide updates on NOFA NJ programs and current events in food and agriculture

[More Info](#)

11/04 - OFA Organic Farmers Storytelling Workshop

Join NOFA NJ and Organic Farmers Association for an introduction to OFA's Organic Farmer Storytelling Workshops during this one-hour webinar designed to help organic farmers tell their farm story clearly, confidently, and in their own voice. The goal of this work is to help organic farmers grow their business and help others understand what Organic is and why they should buy Organic.

Farmers will walk through exercises and learn story frameworks created to help tell a focused farm story. Attendees will also be invited to use the full suite of free Storytelling Resources and register for the full Story Lab workshops later in October. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

[More Info](#)

11/04 - Monthly Technical Assistance Open Hour

SAW 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. Expect 50% of time to be dedicated to the monthly topic, and 50% of time to address community requests and technical discussion.

[More Info](#)

Save the Date: NOFA NJ Winter Conference 01/30/2027

We're back in Asbury Park with another awesome conference taking shape! Join us for lots of local food, farmer connections, insightful workshops and a community StorySLAM with The MOTH! More info TBA in November!

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

10/29 - North Jersey RC&D Soils Field Day

NJ farmers know that the weather is becoming more unpredictable, with heavier rains and increasing drought conditions. Soil health practices can help build your soil's capacity to absorb water during heavy rain events and hold onto that moisture through drought. Take part in the Soils Field Day to learn about those practices and swap first-hand knowledge with other farmers.


[More Info](#)

11/2 - Garlic Planting Equipment Workshop at Fairgrown Farm

Attend for a brief FSMA overview with Meredith Melendez (Rutgers Cooperative Extension) and a discussion of garlic storage, curing, and food safety, along with a demo of how to use a Gemma 4 row garlic/onion planter. Discussion about garlic lifecycle, how to prep seed, when to plant and planter depth adjustments will also be explored.


[More Info](#)

Day

Stop by between 10AM and 2PM to see equipment demonstrations, meet the RU Ready to Farm Team, connect with agricultural partners, and obtain info on farm safety!


[More Info](#)

Farming Opportunity - Hunterdon County

A solar developer is seeking a farmer to farm on approximately 50 acres within a proposed agrivoltaics site in Hunterdon County. The site will be designed with agriculture as a key component of the project and the developer will provide support for startup equipment and fencing. See attached flyer for additional information. Refer any questions or interested farmers to Emily Cole, Senior Scientist and Technical Specialist, American Farmland Trust, ecole@farmland.org, 413-239-4453.

[More Info](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Rolling Harvest Food Rescue

[Executive Director](#)

MEVO

[Farm Manager](#)

Blue Moon Acres

[Farm Manager](#)

Reed's Organic Farm

[Vegetable Production Manager](#)

Ethos Farm-to-Health

[Farm Manager](#)

Ramblin Sol Farm

[2027 Interns](#)

Grants & Funding updates will now be restricted to the monthly Members-Only email - [become a Member today](#) to receive this and many other benefits!

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



NorthSlope Farm

NorthSlope Farm is a Certified Organic, diversified farm located in West Amwell, NJ. Owned and operated by long-time NOFA NJ Board Member and past BOD President, Mike Rassweiler, it serves as a functional space for NOFA NJ to implement programs and services for our farmer Members, including the Bulk Purchasing program.

Taken right from NorthSlope Farm's website, NorthSlope Farm's Mission is to:

- Provide stewardship of land while serving the community with fresh, local, organically-grown produce and farm products at a reasonable cost.
- Develop a profitable business, allowing us to find joy & pride in the work
- Create a positive environment and fulfilling work for those employed at North Slope Farm and act as an educational resource, both for employees and the community, in sustainable agricultural methods and responsible care for valuable resources.
- To support other regional, sustainable and environmentally responsible businesses, organizations and projects.

It's safe to say that NorthSlope Farm is setting the standard for what it means to support Organic in the Garden State. Learn more about the farm, their products and where to find them by visiting the links below!



[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate ▼](#)



I thank You For Supporting
NOFA NJ!

[Become a Member Today!](#)



Copyright (C) 2026 Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey. All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)