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Featuring 13 organic and sustainable farms and businesses, this annual series opens the door for farmers, educators, and eaters to learn about agriculture and local foods on the farm. The series also includes a number of workshops and special events, ranging from exploring farmers' markets to learning how to make jam.

All events are free and open to the public and do not require pre-registration unless otherwise noted.



INDIAN SPRINGS BERRY FARM



DALTON FARMS

Events will take place rain or shine. Guests should dress appropriately; hats, sunglasses, long pants, closed toe walking shoes, and sunscreen are recommended. Tours involve standing and moderate walking; visitors with physical limitations or other concerns should contact the tour host in advance. For everyone's safety, guests should keep children with them at all times. Please do not bring pets to the tours unless otherwise noted. For virtual events, a computer with internet, audio, and microphone access will be required; cameras are encouraged. Closed captioning and auto-transcription will be provided.

Event organizers do not endorse any commercial products being displayed or discussed on tours. Organizers and hosts are not responsible for accidents. Event participants will be on private property at their own risk.

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with Regenerative
Grazing Using Holistic
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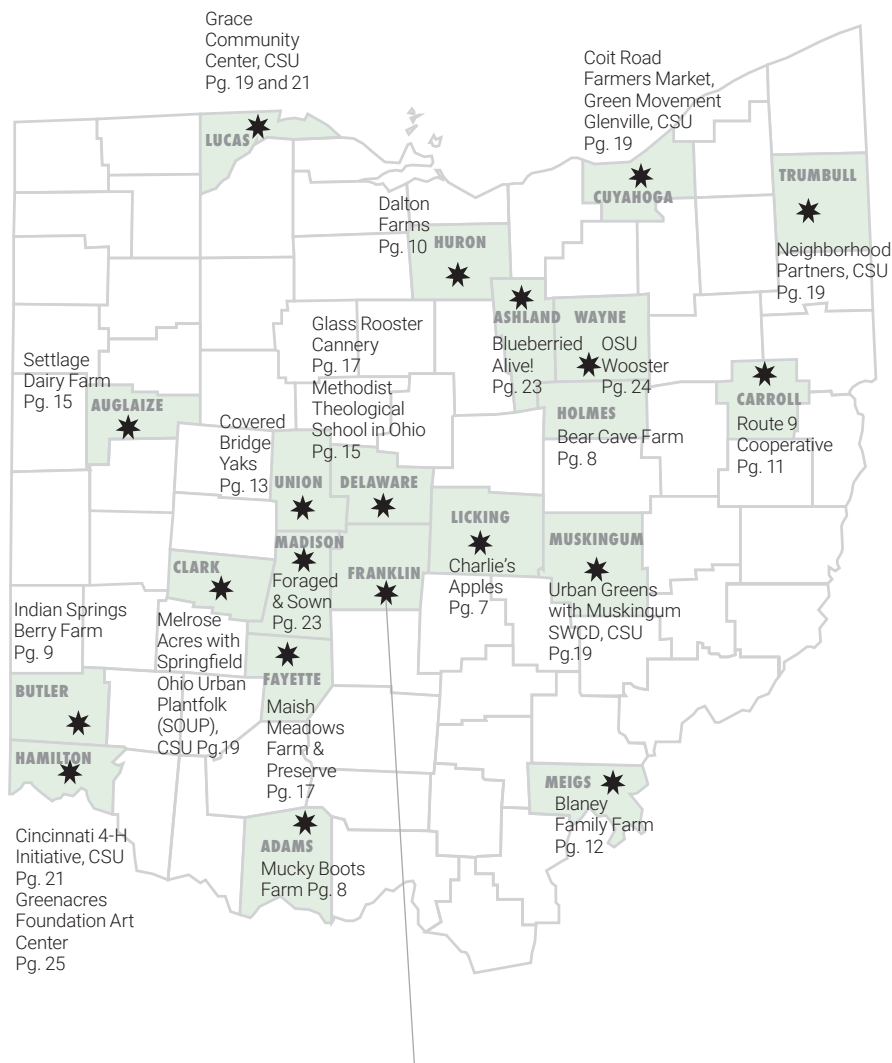
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TOUR AND WORKSHOP MAP



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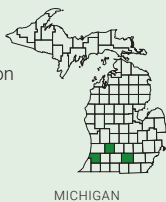
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MICHIGAN

Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association



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For more than 40 years, OEFFA has promoted and supported local and organic food systems with farmer-led education, services, and advocacy. OEFFA presents the state's largest sustainable agriculture conference; offers educational events for beginning and established farmers; publishes a quarterly newsletter; provides organic certification services and farmer technical assistance; and advocates for policies that protect and benefit food and farm systems.

OEFFA FARM TOURS

Organic Apple Orchard Tour

Friday, June 16 • 1 p.m.

Charlie's Apples

Seth Dobbelaer and Zachary Dobbelaer
1740 Sportsman Club Rd., Newark, OH 43055
windyhillapplefarm@gmail.com



LICKING CO.

Walk through a start-to-finish experience of Charlie's Apples' yearly operations. Attendees will see and hear about their barn, orchard equipment, processing and packing facility, pollinator habitat, the orchard itself, as well as pest-management, nutrient application, and biological fungicide program. This tour will also have a conversation about the operation's challenges with Marssonina Leaf Blotch and how they are implementing a research project in partnership with North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) to reduce its impacts.

Directions: From Columbus/I-71, take I-270 to exit 30 for OH-161 E toward New Albany. Continue for 13.7 miles and take the OH-310 exit toward Johnstown/Pataskala, turning left. After 3.1 miles, turn right onto Sadie Thomas Rd. NW, continue for 2.3 miles, and turn left onto Northridge Rd. Continue for 2.6 miles before turning right onto Sportsman Club Rd. NW. The farm will be on the left in 4.3 miles.

Parking: Parking is available at the top of the driveway once you enter the farm. There will be signs indicating where to park.

PRESENTED BY OEFFA

Dairy Farm Tour and Pasture Walk

Saturday, June 17 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Bear Cave Farm

Jeff and Ina Miller
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HOLMES CO.

Bear Cave Farm is an OEFFA certified, grass-based, Organic Valley dairy farm focusing on growing pasture and hay with some additional corn. They have been practicing foliar feeding of their grass crops, recently beginning to apply a dry blend of time-released trace minerals to increase fertility. This tour will highlight the benefits of the trace minerals on pastures and hay, along with a comprehensive tour of their dairy operation.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 176 to merge onto US-30 E toward Wooster. Continue on US-30 E for 25.4 miles before taking the OH-302/Madison Ave. exit. Turn left onto OH-302 E/Madison Ave. and take a slight left onto Dover Rd. after .5 mile. Continue for 13.5 miles before turning right onto OH-241 S/S Market St. Continue to follow OH-241 S and take a slight left onto Winesburg Rd. in 1.6 miles. Continue onto Co Hwy 186/Co Rd. 186 for 2.7 miles before turning right to stay on Co Hwy 186/Co Rd. 186 for .3 miles. Turn right onto US-62 W, continue for 1 mile, and then turn right onto US-62 W/Main St. Continue for .4 mile before turning left onto Township Hwy 664/Township Rd. 664. The farm will be on the left in .3 mile.

Elderberry Farm Tour

Saturday, June 24 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Mucky Boots Farm

Heather Jobson and Elizabeth Barr
630 Davis Memorial Rd., Peebles, OH 45660
(513) 609-1831
muckybootsfarm.com



ADAMS CO.

Mucky Boots Farm is a small, woman-owned elderberry orchard and farm in southern Ohio. They grow the berries for their elderberry syrup business, selling at markets and online. This tour will explore their elderberry field, visit with the ducks, and enjoy a syrup sample.

Directions: From US-23, take a slight right onto OH-104 S/Lake White Rd. and continue to follow OH-104 S for 6.2 miles. Turn right onto OH-124 W/State Route 32 W and continue for 22.7 miles. Then, turn left onto Steam Furnace Rd. and drive for .4 mile before turning left onto Davis Rd. The farm will be on the left in .6 mile.

U-Pick Blackberry Farm Tour

Sunday, July 16 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Indian Springs Berry Farm

Jason Pratt
2840 Tylersville Rd., Hamilton, OH 45015
jason@indianspringsberryfarm.com
indianspringsberryfarm.com



BUTLER CO.

Indian Springs Berry Farm is a 2-acre, veteran-owned, u-pick blackberry farm setup using the Rotating Cross Arm Trellis system. This tour will discuss seasonal blackberry farming operations, u-pick operations, trellis usage and modifications, and the development of custom electric work carts. July is the peak season for blackberry production, so participants will be able to see the later stages of blackberry growth. Blackberries may be available for purchase after the tour, depending on weekly production.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 25 for Kings Mills Rd./OH-741 N toward Mason. Turn onto OH-741 N/Kings Mills Rd. and continue for 2.2 miles. Turn left onto Bethany Rd. and continue for 1 mile. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Bethany Rd. for 3.6 miles. Then, turn left onto Cincinnati Dayton Rd. and continue for .7 mile. Turn right to merge onto OH-129 W toward Hamilton. Merge and continue on OH-129 W for 6.1 miles before taking exit 18 for OH-4 Bypass toward Middletown/Fairfield. Turn left onto OH-4 Bypass S, continue for .4 mile, and turn right onto Hamilton Mason Rd. Continue for .6 mile and take the 3rd exit onto Hamilton Enterprise Park Dr. at the traffic circle. After .8 mile, turn right onto Tylersville Rd. The farm will be on the right in less than 500 feet.

Parking: Parking is available at 2788 Tylersville Rd., Hamilton, OH 45015. It is a used car lot about 500 feet west of the big white barn. Park on the east end of the lot, toward the farm.



INDIAN SPRINGS BERRY FARM



DALTON FARMS

Stewarding a Legacy Farm Tour and Grain Growers Chapter Meeting

Saturday, August 5 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dalton Farms

Edward and Rebecca Dalton
5073 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889
rebecca@daltonfarmsllc.com
daltonfarmsllc.com



HURON CO.

As seventh generation farmers, Edward and Rebecca Dalton know what it was like to have inherited a legacy. Wanting the same for future generations, they decided to change their current practices and transition half of their farm to organic production. In addition to growing organic crops, they produce conventional crops, raise beef, do custom zapping, and collaborate with local farms to supply customers with fresh meat like chicken and pork.

An OEFFA Grain Growers Chapter meeting will take place before the tour from 10-11:45 a.m. Bring a side dish or dessert to share for a potluck lunch from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Meat, drinks, and serviceware will be provided. The tour will begin at 1 p.m.

Registration: To register for the potluck, call (419) 438-2192 or email dshively01@gmail.com.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 176 to merge onto US-30 E toward Wooster. After .1 mile, take the Koogle Rd. exit, continue for .3 mile and turn right onto Koogle Rd. Continue for .2 mile, then turn right onto Crider Rd. Continue for 1.8 miles before turning left onto OH-603 N and driving for 6.7 miles. Then, turn right onto OH-545 N. Continue for 6.5 miles before

turning right onto Crowell St. Almost immediately, turn left onto US-250 W/N Main St. and continue to follow US-250 W for .6 mile before turning right onto OH-60 N. Continue on OH-60 N for 15 miles. Turn left onto OH-18/OH-60 and continue for .5 mile. Take a slight right onto OH-60 N and continue for 4.4 miles. Then, turn right onto US-20 E/E Main St. and continue to follow US-20 E for 2 miles. Turn left onto Butler Rd. The farm will be on the left in 1.3 miles.

Chestnut Production and Packing Farm Tour

Saturday, August 12 • 1-3 p.m.

Route 9 Cooperative

Greg and Amy Miller
4300 Germano Rd. SE (Route 9), Carrollton, OH 44615
empirechestnut@gmail.com



CARROLL CO.

In 1957, Greg Miller's father started planting chestnut trees as a hobby. From there, it turned into a family business with his daughter, Amy. A nearby coal company planted chestnut trees, sold it, and the three new landowners, along with Greg, formed a cooperative now encompassing five orchards. During this tour, guests will see a mature chestnut orchard with and without deer fence, younger plantings of chestnuts, and the harvested nuts' packing facility.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 176 to merge onto US-30 E toward Wooster, merging onto US-30 E. Stay on US-30 E, keeping left after 15 miles, and again after another 2 miles. Exit onto OH-43 S/Waynesburg Dr. SE toward Waynesburg. Merge onto OH-43 S, continuing south for 9.6 miles. Turn left onto OH-183 E/OH-43 S and continue for 5.4 miles. Turn right onto OH-43 S/Canton Rd NW and continue for 9.3 miles. Then, turn left onto OH-39 E/OH-43 S/W Main St and continue for 1 mile. Take a slight right onto OH-43 S/OH-9 S/Steubenville Rd SE, continue for 4.9 miles, and take another slight right onto OH-9 S and continue for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Perron Rd. SE and the farm is there by the big red pole barn at the intersection.



ROUTE 9 COOPERATIVE



BLANEY FAMILY FARM

CSA Veggie Farm Tour

Saturday, September 30 • 3 p.m.

Blaney Family Farm

Adam Blaney
29760 State Route 143, Albany, OH 45710
(304) 520-9800, blaneyfarmohio@gmail.com
blaneyfamilyfarm.com



MEIGS CO.

Adam and Tabitha Blaney are first generation farmers settled in the hills of southeastern Ohio. They grow a variety of vegetables and flowers using sustainable and organic practices and run a CSA supplying local restaurants with produce. Starting in 2006 in West Virginia, learning more in Missouri, and finally moving to Albany, Ohio in 2019, they have been a staple at the Athens Farmers' Market since. These farmers are always looking for ways to improve efficiency, expand sustainably, and learn as much as they can while giving back to the community.

Directions: From US-33, near Athens, follow signs for US-33 E/US-50 W/OH-32 W/ Pomeroy/Chillicothe and merge onto OH-32 W/US-33 E/US-50 W. Continue for 2.1 miles before using the left 2 lanes to take exit 199A for US-50 W/OH-31 W toward Chillicothe/Cincinnati. Continue onto OH-32/US-50 for 8.6 miles. Then, turn left onto Columbia Rd. Continue for 4.1 miles, even as the road turns into School Lot Acl Rd. Turn left onto State Route 143 S. The farm will be on the left in .3 mile.

Alternative Livestock Farm Tour

Saturday, October 7 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Covered Bridge Yaks

Mathys Family
23839 State Route 47, West Mansfield, OH 43358
(937) 309-1839, blakemathys@hotmail.com
coveredbridgeyaks.com



UNION CO.

Yaks are unusual livestock, but their small body size and cold-hardy habits make them easy to keep. Since buying their first yak in 2015, Covered Bridge Yaks now has a small herd for meat and producing calves to sell on their 60 acres. This tour will show the yaks, discuss their benefits, and explain how they differ from traditional beef cattle.

Directions: From US-33, take exit 92 for OH-31 N toward Kenton. Continue to follow OH-31 N for 10.3 miles. Turn left onto OH-47 W and continue for 6 miles. The farm will be on the left (please note Google Maps shows the driveway .25 mile northeast from where it truly is). Continue onto the long driveway with the black mailbox that says "Mathys 23839." There is a covered bridge 2/3 down the driveway; it is safe for passenger vehicles.

Parking: Parking will be in a pasture just past the house. There will be signs indicating where to park.



COVERED BRIDGE YAKS



Making a Difference

OEFFA believes farmers' learning experiences should be accessible, diverse, and inclusive, addressing real-life issues, incorporating experiential knowledge, and encouraging personal and farm growth.

For these reasons, nearly all of the events in this series are free to all.



But OEFFA can't achieve this mission alone. Please consider making a voluntary donation to help OEFFA grow the next generation of farms and farmers.

Thank you for your generosity.



OEFFA WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

PaddockTrac Demonstration

Thursday, June 1 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Friday, October 13 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Settlage Dairy Farm

12218 State Route 29,
Saint Marys, OH 45885



Settlage is a veteran-owned, certified organic dairy with more than 300 acres of perennial and annual pasture. This pasture walk will focus on PaddockTrac, a technology developed by University of Missouri researchers that uses an ATV-mounted sensor to measure and predict forage availability. The spring and fall events will allow for a comparison of the PaddockTrac performance over the seasons. A pasture walk will be followed by a demonstration and a review of data collected to date.

Shaping Change

Monday, June 12 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware, OH 43015



Bringing about positive change in something as comprehensive as the food and farming system isn't quick or easy. But every five years we have a unique opportunity to work toward that change together. Join OEFFA staff, farmers, and other advocacy leaders to hear about the 2023 Farm Bill, sharpen your advocacy skills, and learn how, working together, we can make sure it meets the needs of our communities.

Cost and Registration: \$35. This includes lunch. Registrants will receive the exact location and more details. Register at bit.ly/oeffa-shaping-change.

Pick and Picnic with a Farmer

Thursday, July 13 • 5:30 p.m.

Bexley Farmers' Market

S. Dawson Ave. at E. Main St.
Bexley, OH 43209



Wednesday, October 4 • 4:30 p.m.

Upper Arlington Farmers' Market

2140 Tremont Center
Upper Arlington, OH 43221 (Littleton's Market parking lot)

Nobody knows the farmers' market or seasonal eating better than a farmer! In this free outing and picnic, farmer and cheese maker Abbe Turner of Lucky Penny Creamery will share her insider strategies for getting the most out of a trip to the market at any time of year. After a chance to shop, convene for a picnic and enjoy your market bounty together. There will be a summer eating focused picnic at Bexley Farmers' Market and a fall focused picnic at Upper Arlington.

Details: Meet at the market's Community Tent and bring whatever cash you wish to spend on groceries and a blanket for picnicking. OEFFA will provide iced tea for the picnic.



BEXLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Prepare to Negotiate Your Land Arrangement

Tuesday, July 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Virtual

Sunday, July 23 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Maish Meadows Farm & Preserve (Fayette County)



Are you in the process of negotiating to lease, purchase, or transfer land? This two-part workshop, adapted from American Farmland Trust's Transitioning Land to a New Generation, will be led by certified Land Access and Transfer Trainer, Kelly Cabral.

In the virtual portion, participants will plan to negotiate, practice communication skills to reach agreement, and prepare to manage stress. The on-farm component will include a farm tour and Q&A with Maish Meadows Farm & Preserve, a 62-acre carbon-negative farm utilizing regenerative practices and rotational grazing.

Cost and Registration: \$20 for OEFFA members; \$25 for non-members. Registration is limited to 15; each registration includes up to two people per farm or business. Registrants will receive the exact location and more details. Register at bit.ly/oeffa-land-arrangement.

We CAN!

Thursday, July 20 • 6:30 p.m.

Glass Rooster Cannery

1673 South State Route 605
Sunbury, OH 43074



Make jam while you learn to put up your harvest in a water bath canning lesson! Taste your way through samples of jam while learning the ins and outs of water bath canning, then get ready for a hands-on lesson creating your own signature jar of jam. Walk away with confidence to know not only how to make jam, but also how to safely water bath your preserves at home.



GLASS ROOSTER CANNERY

Cost and Registration: \$35 for OEFFA members; \$45 for non-members. This includes all materials and a jar of jam. Register at bit.ly/oeffa-can. Registration is limited to 20 and closes July 12.

Ohio Beginning Farmer Tax Credit

Friday, September 8 • Noon

Virtual



This webinar will explore how the new Ohio Beginning Farmer Tax Credit works, how it can benefit your farm business, how you can take advantage of this exciting opportunity to transfer your farm to a beginning farmer, and how beginning farmers can connect with more affordable land.

Registration: Register at bit.ly/oeffa-tax-credit.

Finding a Farm Job 101

Sunday, October 8 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Virtual

Do you feel called to farm? Are you looking for a job or internship on a farm that shares your values and develops your skills? Do you just want a chance to work outdoors and eat good food? Whatever your work or learning goals, there are many factors to consider in finding a job that helps you reach them while staying safe and healthy. This free online course is designed for people who are just entering the field. Learn about common industry standards, different types of jobs and internships, cultural norms and expectations, where to search for farm jobs, employee rights and safety, and more!

Registration: Includes a packet of resources. Register at bit.ly/oeffa-farm-job-101.

Employment on Your Farm 101

Thursday, November 9 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Virtual

Are you exploring ways to bring in employees or interns that truly benefit your operation? Wondering what you'll need to do this successfully, safely, and legally? This course is designed for farm business owners or managers of all levels to make informed hiring choices and to be an employer that truly supports its team with the most up-to-date industry standards.

Registration: Includes a packet of resources. Register at bit.ly/oeffa-employment-101.

Central State University Extension



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Central State University (CSU), located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is an accredited 1890 land-grant university. CSU-Extension provides community-based outreach and educational programs designed to improve the lives of families in rural and urban communities through four program areas—Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Community and Economic Development (CED), Family and Consumer Science (FCS), and 4-H Youth Development (4-H).

CSU EXTENSION EVENTS

Fastrack Farming

A 12-month beginning farmer-training program

Interested in becoming a farmer? This 12-month program helps prospective farmers learn about farming through classes that include hands-on activities on a demonstration farm. The free program focuses on intensive vegetable production in an urban setting and includes topics such as:

- Vegetable/small fruit farming
- Beekeeping
- Integrated pest management
- Land access
- Food safety
- Farm business planning and management
- Soil health and fertility
- Fertigation and managing intensive production
- Hydroponics/aquaponics
- Organic production systems
- Harvesting and sales
- Value-added food production

Classes and demonstration farms are located throughout Ohio. For more information, on specific classes, contact the CSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Regional Educator for each location. See next page.



CUYAHOGA CO.



TRUMBULL CO.



LUCAS CO.



CLARK CO.



MUSKINGUM CO.

Coit Road Farm Market and Green Movement Glenville, Cuyahoga Co.

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Christopher Thompson, cthompson2@centralstate.edu

Trumbull Neighborhood Partners, Trumbull Co.

Danielle Soroczak, dsoroczak@centralstate.edu,

Christopher Thompson, cthompson2@centralstate.edu

Grace Community Center, Lucas Co.

Michelle Wallace, mwallace@centralstate.edu

Melrose Acres with Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk (SOUP), Clark Co.

Marc Amante, mamante@centralstate.edu,

Suzanne Slavens, sslavens@centralstate.edu

Urban Greens with Muskingum SWCD, Muskingum Co.

Denise Natoli Brooks, dbrooks@centralstate.edu

Details: For more information about the program, contact Dr. Sid Dasgupta at (937) 376-6625 or sdasgupta@centralstate.edu, or Dr. Cindy Folck at (937) 376-6101 or afolck@centralstate.edu.



Building Small Farm Viability



LUCAS CO.



HAMILTON CO.

Building small farm viability is a USDA 2501 program for farmers of at least three years, but who are from historically underrepresented populations, such as Black, Hispanic, and military veterans. Conferences and workshops will be offered to help expand opportunities for agricultural experiences and knowledge.

Topics include:

- How to obtain or expand farmland
- How to manage heirs' property
- How to farm vegetables, hydroponics, aquaponics, beekeeping, mushrooms, etc.
- How to sell in retail/wholesale markets, grocery stores, produce auctions, etc.
- How to manage a farm business

Youth involved in the program will:

- Learn how to grow/sell vegetables
- Be equipped with valuable leadership skills and receive public speaking and job interviewing training
- Discover how USDA can help youth interested in agriculture

The youth program sites are Grace Community Center in Toledo, Ohio, and the Cincinnati 4-H Initiative.

Details: For more information about the 2501 program, contact Dr. Sid Dasgupta at (937) 376-6625 or sdasgupta@centralstate.edu, or Dr. Cindy Folck at (937) 376-6101 or afolck@centralstate.edu.



Common Greens

hello@commongreensohio.org,
commongreensohio.org



Common Greens is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization on a mission to connect Central Ohio communities to regional farmers and food producers in vibrant, inclusive marketplaces. Their focus is on building a thriving regional food system where food producers earn a decent living, Ohio farmland is kept in sustainable production, and everyone has access to, and appreciation of, healthy local foods.

COMMON GREENS FARM TOURS

Urban Flower Farm Tour

Sunday, June 11 • Noon-2 p.m.

Wild Prairie Flower Farm

Joshua White and Kelsey Colwell
595 Stambaugh Ave., Columbus, OH 43207
(614) 615-4442, wildprairieflowerfarm@gmail.com
wildprairieflowerfarm.com



FRANKLIN CO.

Wild Prairie Flower Farm grows specialty cut flowers using small-scale, no-till market farming practices. This tour will explore the 1/8-acre active production site, as well as two scattered urban lots that are under development. The tour will focus on systems for bed preparation, planting, harvesting, and weather mitigation. It will also touch on methods for improving soil health, preventing animal pests, and managing disease.

Parking: Street parking only.



PRESENTED BY COMMON GREENS

Chestnut, Blueberry, and Permaculture Projects Farm Tour

Sunday, July 2 • 1 p.m.

Blueberried Alive!

Martin Stehli
532 County Rd. 2302, Loudonville, OH 44842
(330) 221-7764, blueberriedalivemartin@gmail.com
blueberriedalive.com



ASHLAND CO.

Blueberried Alive! grows chestnuts and blueberries commercially, as well as an array of other things for fun and sustenance. These include chickens, pawpaws, hardy kiwi, a garden, elderberries, Croatian plums, hazelnuts, pecans, butternuts, hickories, grapes, and apples. Their chestnut farm is the largest in the Americas, constituting a multigenerational breeding project. This tour will show their biochar and compost management, a batch of compost tea, as well as their mostly organic methods in blueberry production.

Details: Children and responsible dogs are welcome.

Directions: When approaching the farm, go down the longer of the two driveways.

Organic Herbal Tea Farm Tour

Sunday, September 10 • 2-5 p.m.

Foraged & Sown

Kate Hodges, Jane Larson, and Karli Leffel
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MADISON CO.

Foraged & Sown holds organic certifications from OEFFA and Real Organic Project as both a grower and a handler—their herbal teas and culinary salt blends are traceable from seed to finished product. Their field production focuses on annual and perennial botanicals used in value-added products and also packaged as single-origin ingredients for home herbalists and practitioners. A guided tour of the 3.5-acre growing site and drying and processing barn will take place at 2:15 and 3:45 p.m.

Directions: Not all online maps show the address correctly. Consider putting in 5319 OH-412, West Jefferson, OH 43162, a neighboring farm's address, to get a more accurate location. Turn in at the gray pole barn.

PRESENTED BY COMMON GREENS

FairShare CSA Coalition

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FairShare CSA Coalition connects farmers and consumers through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Through outreach and education, they are building toward a fair and equitable food system in which small-scale farms can thrive and all families have access to locally produced, organic food.

FAIRSHARE EVENT

2023 Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day

Wednesday, September 27 • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSU Wooster Campus

1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691



WAYNE CO.



The field day connects farmers, machinery manufacturers, and the allied trades for a single day event that draws farmers and machinery companies from all over the U.S. and Canada—because it is THE place to see weeding tools. The morning features a trade show where companies can connect one-on-one with farmers, and educational sessions, and the afternoon features field demonstrations in vegetable and row crops.

Cost and Registration: \$50. This includes lunch. Register at thelandconnection.org/event/2023-mmwcf.

Holistic Management International

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Since 1984, Holistic Management International (HMI) has collaborated with and worked alongside government agencies, NGOs, and businesses that work with family farmers, ranchers, tribal members, and pastoralists to support their communities as they grow and thrive. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, HMI's educational programs share the knowledge and experience of their international network with these communities to support their adoption and evolution of Holistic Management® and regenerative agricultural practices that empower them to strengthen their businesses, produce healthier food, improve local wildlife habitats, and protect the environment.

GREENACRES AND HMI EVENT

Making Money with Regenerative Grazing Using Holistic Management®

Friday, June 30 • 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Greenacres Foundation Art Center

8400 Blome Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243



HAMILTON CO.

Greenacres Foundation raises a variety of animals using humane and low-stress handling techniques. They produce grass-finished Black Angus cattle and lamb, woodland-raised pork, pastured poultry, and vegetables free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. This farm field day will show how working with nature can improve your land and generate more wealth. Discussion will revolve around the role of animals in healthy ecosystem functions, soil health, infrastructure, grazing planning, and animal investments. You will be presented with case studies, a tour of the farm, and Holistic Management® tools to help you determine your next steps and priorities.

Cost and Registration: \$30. This includes lunch. Register at holisticmanagement.org/greenacresfd. Registration closes June 27.

Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance

(248) 262-6826

moffaorganic@gmail.com, moffa.net



MOFFA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally sound and socially just organic food and farming systems. Since 1992, MOFFA has been promoting public awareness for the need of decentralized, secure, unadulterated, and humane methods and programs. They were one of the first organizations in Michigan and the nation to actively promote these principles. MOFFA welcomes new members to get involved in creating a better food system for Michigan.

MOFFA EVENTS

Keeping Outside the Box

Saturday, July 15 • 1-3 p.m.

Steller Apiaries

3342 Clinton Way, Jackson, MI 49201

stellerapiaries.com



JACKSON CO.

Jessica and Keith Steller became interested in beekeeping through gardening and mead-making. Knowing their yields could be greater from the benefits of the bees' pollination, more dedication into the husbandry and natural life cycle of the bee evolved. At this tour, you will see some of what they have learned over 15 years of alternative beekeeping methods. Jessica and Keith presented at the MOFFA Organic Intensives this past January.



STELLER APIARIES

Registration: Register at moffa.net/farmtours-2023.html.

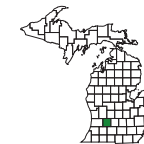
LTAR—Healthier Soils, Improved Biodiversity, More Profit

Friday, September 8 • 1:30-4 p.m.

Kellogg Biological Station

Hickory Corners, MI

canr.msu.edu/ltar



BARRY CO.

The Kellogg Biological Station is home to one of 18 national Long-Term Agroecosystem Research (LTAR) sites. Come to this tour to hear about the site, plus discuss some additional projects. Currently, they are trialing OP corn in conjunction with the Michigan Craft Distilleries. Wheat and organic soybean trials are also in full swing. Many of these crops are overseeded with various cover crops. Organic corn trials at the Long-Term Ecological Research site will open discussion of conventional compared to organic cropping systems.

Registration: Register and learn more about the exact meeting location closer to the date at moffa.net/farmtours-2023.html.

Tree Crop Autumn Harvest

Saturday, September 30 • 1-4 p.m.

Oikos Tree Crops

Lawton, MI

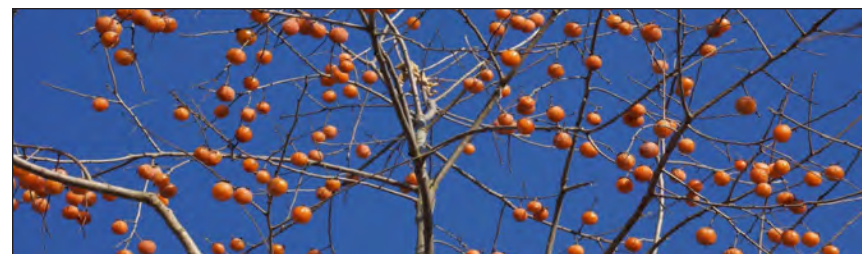
oikostreecrops.com



VAN BUREN CO.

Owned and operated by Ken Asmus since 1982, Oikos Tree Crops is a nursery specializing in fruit trees, nut trees, and perennial vegetables. This tour will walk through the ripening pawpaws, pears, persimmons, and various nuts while hearing about this unique method of plant selection. Ken presented at the MOFFA Organic Intensives this past January.

Registration: Register at moffa.net/farmtours-2023.html. Registrants will receive the exact address with parking and car pool instructions.



KEN ASMUS