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Featuring 10 organic and sustainable farms, and more than 20 educational events, this annual series opens the door for farmers, educators, and consumers to learn about agriculture and local foods in person and online. From seeing milled grains up close to learning how to dye fabrics with indigo, there’s something for everyone!

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

For the latest information, links to register, and more, visit oeffa.org/farmtours

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JUNE

Thursday, June 6
Lessons Learned in Social Equity
Virtual Pg. 15

Monday, June 10
Organics 101: What is organic?
Virtual Pg. 15

Monday, June 17
Farmer Help Shop: Intro to organic
Virtual Pg. 16

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Goat Milk Herd Share Farm Tour
Licking Co. Pg. 7

Sunday, June 23
Sunbeam Family Farm Tour
Licking Co. Pg. 26

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Integrated Farm and Café Tour
Warren Co. Pg. 8

JULY

Sunday, July 7
Three Creeks Produce Tour and Field Walk
Franklin Co. Pg. 30

Monday, July 8
Organics 101: Is organic for me?
Virtual Pg. 15

Wednesday, July 10
Bouquet Making Workshop
Franklin Co. Pg. 27

Saturday, July 13
Grazing Innovations Pasture Walk
Miami Co. Pg. 8

Sunday, July 14
New Path Farm Tour
Delaware Co. Pg. 27

Monday, July 15
Farmer Help Shop: Is organic for me?
Virtual Pg. 16

Saturday, July 20
Organic Produce Farm Tour
Wayne Co. Pg. 9

Sunday, July 21
Artisan Organic Grains and Milling Tour
Stark Co. Pg. 9

Sunday, July 21
Local Millers Farm Tour
Fairfield Co. Pg. 28

Monday, July 22
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Pike Co. Pg. 28

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Franklin Co. Pg. 27

Saturday, July 27
Fresh Finds Farmers Market Tour
Franklin Co. Pg. 28

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The USDA and You: Local food grants
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Manure Science Review
Madison Co. Pg. 32

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Land Leasing Basics Workshop
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Putnam Co. Pg. 10

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Organics 101: How do I become certified organic?
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Saturday, Aug. 17
Diversified Fruits Farm Tour
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Monday, Aug. 19
Farmer Help Shop: Land leasing basics
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Saturday, Aug. 17
Ohio-Pennsylvania No-Till Field Day
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September

Tuesday, Sept. 10
Turning Dirt into Healthy Soil
Allen Co. Pg. 35

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The USDA and You: Organic transition support
Virtual Pg. 20

Ohio Pawpaw Festival
Athens Co. Pg. 19

October

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Sowing Seeds for Success
Virtual Pg. 19

Tuesday, Oct. 8
The USDA and You: Organic transition support
Virtual Pg. 20

Saturday, Oct. 12
Fresh Finds Farmers Market Tour
Franklin Co. Pg. 28

Saturday, Oct. 17
Pitch Your Farm Dream
Lorain Co. Pg. 20

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Organic Pork and Mushrooms Farm Tour
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Cooperative Farming Learning Series
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The USDA and You: Conservation programs
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Farmer Help Shop: Cooperative farming
Virtual Pg. 16

December

Monday, Dec. 16
Farmer Help Shop: Farmers market training
Virtual Pg. 16
For more than 40 years, OEFFA has used education, advocacy, and grassroots organizing to promote local and organic food systems. 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.

Goat Milk Herd Share Farm Tour

Saturday, June 22 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Everyday Acres
Maria Moss
2787 James Rd., Granville, OH 43023
everydayacres.com

With a herd of 24 goats and 17 babies, along with a mixed flock of more than 50 hens, Everyday Acres serves 20 herd share members with raw goat milk and eggs and sells eggs at City Folks Farm Store in Columbus. Maria has been managing her farm since 2017 and will be giving a tour of her facilities, as well as answering questions regarding her business structure. Come to learn and enjoy the baby goats!

Directions: From Columbus/I-71, take I-270 to exit 30 for OH-161 E toward New Albany. Continue for almost 22 miles as it turns into OH-37 E. Take the OH-37 E/OH-661 exit toward Granville/Lancaster. After 1.3 miles, turn right onto OH-37 E/Lancaster Rd. Then turn left unto James Rd. The farm will be on the left in 2.1 miles. Your online navigation may direct you to a neighbor—look for the blue barn from the road.

Parking: Overflow parking will be available at a neighboring church, Life Tabernacle, at 2689 James Rd.
Integrated Farm and Café Tour

Saturday, June 29 • 3:30 p.m.

Fresh To Morrow Farm & Café
Ryan and Megan Doan
Farm (tour location): 5190 Gilmour Rd., Morrow, OH 45152
Café: 121 Main St., Morrow, OH 45152
freshtomorrowcafe.com

Fresh To Morrow is a seed-to-fork, family-owned farm and café. The farm practices no spray, regenerative farming, and permaculture methods. Their café is close to the Little Miami River and bike trail. This team has built a vertically-integrated food system that incorporates both their farm and other local producers. Building soil health, encouraging seasonal eating, supporting their local economy, and reducing food waste are important aspects of their work. After the farm tour, visit the café for an optional mixer and to treat yourself to a delicious meal or browse their selection of local goods.

Directions: From I-71 S, take exit 32 for OH-123 toward Morrow/Lebanon. Turn left onto OH-123 and continue for 2.7 miles. Turn left onto Gilmour Rd. The farm will be on the left in .2 mile. The café is a 6 minute drive from the farm—continue back onto OH-123 south toward Morrow. Then turn left onto E. Pike St., then turn right onto Miranda St. The café is at the intersection of Miranda St. and Main St.

Organic Produce Farm Tour

Saturday, July 20 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Hostetler’s Organics
Levi Hostetler
69 County Road 530, West Salem, OH 44287

Hostetler’s Organics has been growing OEFFA-certified organic produce since 2005. Each season, the farm supplies Green Field Farms Co-op with zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, fall squash, hay, and corn. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn techniques to increase production and profitability from a successful grower with years of experience.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 196 for OH-301 toward West Salem. Turn onto OH-301 N and continue for 2.6 miles into West Salem. Turn left onto Congress Rd. and immediately continue straight into Cherry St. In .5 mile, continue straight into Winter Rd. and then County Road 530. The farm will be on the left in 1.5 miles.

Grazing Innovations Pasture Walk

Saturday, July 13 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Bair-Trax Farm
David and Annette Bair
2148 S. Childrens Home Rd., Troy, OH 45373
bairtrax.com

This third-generation dairy farm is striving to grow healthy foods through healthy soils. The pasture walk will focus on successful innovations the Bairs have developed over the years. Attendees will see these techniques up close, ask questions, and discuss as we walk the pastures. Hear relevant information for both experienced grazers and beginning farmers.

Directions: From I-70 W, take exit 36 for OH-202 toward Huber Heights. Turn right onto OH-202 N/I-70ALT/Old Troy Pike and continue to follow OH-202 N for 8.5 miles. Turn right onto S Children’s Home Rd./S Children’s Home-Grayson Rd. The farm will be on the left in 1.1 miles.

Artisan Organic Grains and Milling Tour

Sunday, July 21 • 3-5 p.m.

Mud Run Farm
Alex Dragovich and Alexis Dragovich
Farm: 14126 Millersburg Rd. SW, Navarre, OH 44662
Parking: 4381 Muffy Ave. SW, Navarre, OH 44662
mudrunfarmorganics.com

Mud Run Farm is a small, organic, diversified farm sitting on 30 acres in northeast Ohio. Certified with OEFFA, the father-daughter duo grow and mill small grains for their region and serve as stewards of organics and the environment. Utilizing horse-drawn equipment and sustainable practices, this tour will showcase their knowledge of organic practices, small grains, and stone milling.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 176 to merge onto US-30 E toward Wooster. Merge onto US-30 E and continue for 41 miles. Take exit 181 for OH-241 toward OH-93/Massillon/Brewster. In .2 mile, turn right onto OH-241 S. The farm will be on the left in 2.4 miles, but turn slightly before the farm onto Sarbaugh St. SW. Then take the first left onto Muffly Ave.

Parking: Parking will be at 4381 Muffy Ave. SW. Follow the driving directions above.
Nutritious Grains Farm Tour and Grain Growers Chapter Meeting

Friday, August 9 • 1:30 p.m.

Next Gen Organic Farms
Marty and Levi Haselman
6444 State Route 65, Leipsic, OH 45856

Next Gen Organic Farms is a father and son operation in northwest Ohio. They travel to four surrounding counties to farm around 900 acres of certified organic corn, soybeans, and wheat. They strive to continue producing strong nutrient-based organic grains for consumers while keeping a good cover crop rotation and maintaining their soil health.

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 1:30 p.m.

Registration: To register for the potluck, contact Bridget Burgess at (419) 491-4436 or bburgess@hirzel.com.

Directions: From US-33 W, near Huntsville, exit onto OH-117 W. Continue to follow OH-117 W for 17.4 miles. Then take a slight right onto S. Phillips Rd. and continue for 5.4 miles. Turn left onto OH-309 W and continue for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto S. Rumbaugh Rd. and continue for 2.3 miles. Turn left onto N. Napoleon Rd. and stay right to continue on N. Napoleon Rd. for 11 miles. Continue onto OH-696 N for 2 miles and again onto Rd. 6 for 4.4 miles. Turn left onto State Route 224 and continue for 1 mile. Then turn right onto Rd. 7 and continue for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto State Route 65 N and the farm will be on the left in 3.1 miles.

Diversified Fruits Farm Tour

Saturday, August 17 • 1-4 p.m.

Boulder Berry Farms
Taylor and Alicia Clark
5580 Lundy Whitacre Rd., Morrow, OH 45122
boulderberry.com

Boulder Berry Farms is a 143-acre farm located on Todd’s Fork Creek in southwest Ohio. They grow organic elderberries, haskaps, aronia berries, and kiwi berries. The farm also has a herd of purebred Kunekune pigs raised for personal consumption and for breeding stock, feeders, and farm companion sales. This tour will offer an in-depth look at the installation, maintenance, and harvesting of all the specific fruits Boulder Berry grows, as well as their ideas for further farm expansion.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 45 for OH-73 toward Waynesville. Turn onto OH-73 E and continue for .4 mile. Turn right onto OH-380 S and continue for 3.5 miles. Continue straight onto Creek Rd. for 2.5 miles. Turn left to stay on Creek Rd. for another 4 mile. Then turn right onto N. 1st St. for 7 miles as it turns into OH-132 S. Turn right onto Lundy Whitacre Rd. The farm will be at the dead end of the road in 1 mile.

Parking: Lundy Whitacre Rd. is narrow and has limited sight distance, so take care when arriving. Parking is in a field off of the paved road and close to the site.

Livestock Management Farm Tour

Saturday, September 28 • 3-5:30 p.m.

MoSo Farm
Molly Sowash and CJ Morgan
5686 Enlow Rd., Athens, OH 45701
mosofarm.com

MoSo Farm is a small farm in southeast Ohio raising grass-fed beef and pastured pork for the community. The farmers aim to raise pastured meats in order to regenerate soil, sequester carbon, and provide nutritious food to customers. On this tour, attendees will see how they rotate cattle daily to fresh pasture and manage pigs on pasture, as well as how they planted 510 trees in order to implement silvopasture on 10 acres.

Organic Pork and Mushrooms Farm Tour

**Monday, October 14 • 3 p.m.**

**Agape Organic Farms**
Shara Trierweiler
1905 East Dexter Trail, Dansville, MI 48819
agapeorganicfarms.com

Agape Organic Farms specializes in the ethical and sustainable production of purebred Berkshire pigs and more than 28 varieties of gourmet mushrooms sold direct to consumer, retail, and small-scale wholesale avenues. As one of only two certified organic Black-owned farms in Michigan, and the only Black-owned livestock farm, Agape is dedicated to empowering and supporting Black-owned and organic farms.

**Directions:** From I-75N, take exit 192 to merge onto I-475 N/US-23 N toward Maumee/Ann Arbor. Continue for 13.6 miles, keeping left to continue on US-23 N and following signs for Sylvania/Ann Arbor. Take exit 35 to merge onto I-94 W toward Chicago and continue for 18 miles. Take exit 162 toward Jackson Rd/Old US-12 and turn right onto E Old US Hwy 12. Continue for 2.4 miles before turning right onto M-52 N/S Main St, then continue to follow M-52 N for 2.2 miles. At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on M-52 N for 11.3 miles. Turn right onto S Clinton St/S M 106, continue for .8 mile, then turn left onto M-52 N/W Main St/Stockbridge Rd. Continue for .5 mile and turn right onto M-52 N/Stockbridge Rd, then continue for another 4.9 miles before turning left onto Carter Rd. The farm will be on the corner in 4.7 miles.

**Parking:** Parking will be across the street on the other side of the farm.

Ohio Soil Health Week Farm Tour

**Sunday, November 10 • 2 p.m.**

**Martin Hollow Heritage Farm**
Carolyn Moore and Danny Losekamp
8854 Martin Hollow Rd., Russellville, OH 45168

Kick off the new Ohio Soil Health Week with a soil-focused farm tour! Martin Hollow Heritage Farm is a unique collaboration between landowner Carolyn Moore and farmer Danny Losekamp who raises cattle on the land, with support from longtime beef grazier Jim Linne. Walk through the pastures and identify the various species of grasses and legumes, take Brix readings, dig up soil for a water infiltration demonstration, and talk about how USDA conservation programs helped fund the grazing infrastructure.

**Directions:** From I-71, take exit 94 for US-62/OH-3 toward Harrisburg. Turn onto OH-3 S/US-62 W and continue to follow US-62 W for 11 miles. Take a slight right to stay on US-62 W in Mt. Sterling and continue for another 14 miles. Continue straight on the road through Washington Court House before turning left onto Highland Ave. then take an immediate right onto US-62 W/Leesburg Ave. Continue to follow US-62 W for nearly 50 miles. Turn right onto Incline Rd. and continue for 1.4 miles. Then turn left onto Wallace Rd. and continue for .6 mile. Turn left onto Honey Run Rd. and continue for 1.1 miles before turning right onto Russellville-Arnheim Rd. and continuing for 1.2 miles. Then turn left onto Martin-Hollow Rd. The farm will be on the left in .5 mile.

**Participant support is available to those who intend to attend an OEFFA farm tour and who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color. Visit oeffa.org/farmtours to learn more.**
Lessons Learned in Social Equity

Thursday, June 6 • 1-2:30 p.m.
Virtual

The Agricultural Justice Project (AJP)’s Food Justice Certification (FJC) standards address ethical working and living conditions for agricultural system workers and fair trade and pricing for farms and agricultural businesses. This session welcomes farmers who have worked through the FJC process, as well as those who have engaged with OEFFA/AJP technical assistance programs to implement different approaches to AJP standards on their farms, to reflect, reconnect, and look to the future.

Registration: Register at fairfarms.oeffa.org/lessons-learned.

Organics 101

Mondays, June 10, July 8, August 12 • 1-3 p.m.
Virtual

In this workshop series, OEFFA staff will cover the basics of organic certification, organic farming practices, and some things farmers should consider before becoming certified.

• What is organic? (June 10)—Understand the wide variety of definitions of organic, the holistic approach to organic farming, and some land stewardship practices used in organic agricultural systems.
• Is organic for me? (July 8)—Examine how your farm business could benefit from organic certification (or not), and discuss the pros and cons of becoming certified organic.
• How do I become certified organic? (August 12)—Walk through the steps to becoming certified, understand the paperwork, and hear tips for making the certification process as smooth as possible.

Registration: Register at news.oeffa.org/organics-101.

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, many of the events in this series are free to all.

But OEFFA can’t achieve this mission alone. Please consider making a donation to help OEFFA grow the next generation of farms and farmers. Thank you for your generosity.

Scan the QR code to donate online or mail a check to: 41 Croswell Rd., Columbus, OH 43214
Memo line: OEFFA Farm Tours
Farmer Help Shop

Third Monday of each month (June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16) • 1-3 p.m.

Virtual

OEFFA’s team of educators is available to assist farmers at any stage of their journey. Whether you are making the switch to organic, are already certified, or have questions about sustainable agriculture practices, OEFFA can share guidance and support. Drop in virtually on the third Monday of each month to talk to sustainable agriculture educators with your queries and questions.

These themed Farmer Help Shops will have guest experts answering questions on specific topics:

- **Intro to Organic Help Shop (June 17)**—Learn about the definitions of organic, the holistic approach to organic farming, and land stewardship practices used in organic agricultural systems.
- **Is Organic for Me? Help Shop (July 15)**—Learn about how your farm business could benefit from organic certification (or not), and discuss the pros and cons of becoming certified organic.
- **Land Leasing Basics Help Shop (August 19)**—Learn about farm leasing and contracts.
- **Farm Employment Law Help Shop (September 16)**—Learn about farm employment law fundamentals, including classifying workers and the obligations of farm employers.
- **Pitch Your Farm Dream Help Shop (October 21)**—Learn about ways to approach landowners and financial institutions for accessing farmland.
- **Cooperative Farming Help Shop (November 18)**—Learn about the cooperative business model in local food and agriculture.
- **Farmers Market Training Help Shop (December 16)**—Learn about direct-to-consumer business, licensing and food safety, and USDA programs.

Registration: Register at oeffa.org/support.

Site Assessment Workshop

**Saturday, July 27 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Preble County**

This 5-hour intensive explores topography, land infrastructure, location, and other key aspects of assessing land for a variety of sustainable agricultural practices. Through hands-on activities, you will take a dive into state-of-the-art tools, resources for soil and water testing, and funding opportunities offered for infrastructure development with expert guidance.

**Cost and Registration:** $125. This includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. This workshop will take place in two locations in Preble County, Ohio—registrants will receive exact addresses. Register at outreach.oeffa.org/site-assessment. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.

The USDA and You: Local Food Grants

**Monday, August 5 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Virtual**

Explore how federal funding can benefit a direct-to-consumer food system. Get an overview of the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) and how it supports the development of direct marketing, local and regional food, and value-added agricultural products. LAMP encompasses the Farmers Market Promotion Program, Local Food Promotion Program, Regional Food System Partnerships Program, and Value-Added Producer Grants Program. Join this virtual conversation to learn how these are important investments to support your communities’ future growth.

**Registration:** Register at action.oeffa.com/usda-and-you.
Land Leasing Basics Workshop
Thursday, August 8 • 3-4 p.m.
Virtual

Leasing farmland is so commonplace that landowners, farmers, and ranchers may not think twice about the lease itself...until things go wrong. Prevent problems with a strong lease while building a path to a resilient future. With Farm Commons, understand what a lease should include and how to put it in writing. Get started with the tools, knowledge, and skills you need to create a strong document that works for your needs, whether you are a landowner, rancher, or farmer.

Cost and Registration: $25. Register at outreach.oeffa.org/land-leasing-basics. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.

Farm Employment Law Basics
Monday, August 26 • 3-4 p.m.
Virtual

Farm employment law feels intimidating, but with just a few key rules and operating principles, the farm or ranch business can navigate this potential minefield with confidence. With Farm Commons, learn about the fundamentals of farm employment law, including classifying workers and the obligations of every farm employer. Understand where you need to learn more and where you can sit back with confidence, no matter where you are in your farming journey.

Cost and Registration: $25. Register at fairfarms.oeffa.org/farm-employment-law. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.

OEFFA at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival
Friday-Sunday, September 13-15
Ohio Pawpaw Festival at Lake Snowden
5900 US Highway 50, Albany, OH 45710

The Ohio Pawpaw Festival is a fun-filled, educational community event celebrating one of America’s largest native tree fruits, the pawpaw. Visit ohiopawpawfest.com to learn more about a community conversation organized by OEFFA about farmland access in the Meigs and Athens County area.

Registration: Register for the festival and learn more at ohiopawpawfest.com.

Sowing Seeds for Success
Thursdays, September 19, September 26, October 3 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Virtual

Are you thinking about starting your own food- or farm-based business and don’t know where to begin? Are you ready to level up or are you thinking about adding a new venture to your existing operations? Two farmer entrepreneurs will present the Sowing Seeds For Success: A Farm Business Toolkit curriculum to help you build your farm business dream. A simple guide created by small farmers to help get you started, it covers business structures, funding opportunities, marketing and fundraising, agritourism basics, and more.

- You and your great business idea (September 19)
- Setting up shop (September 26)
- Paint a picture (October 3)

Cost and Registration: $75 for the entire series. Register at news.oeffa.org/sowing-seeds. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.
The USDA and You: Organic Transition Support

Tuesday, October 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Virtual

Review how federal funding affects organic farmers on the ground, talking through the National Organic Program, the Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP), and how the feedback loop works within the USDA through the National Organic Standards Board with producers. An OEFFA Sustainable Agriculture Educator will review the TOPP program and how it’s being implemented in Ohio. Understand why these federal funding programs are critical for expanding the organic market and resilient food systems.

Registration: Register at action.oeffa.com/usda-and-you.

Pitch Your Farm Dream

Saturday, October 12 • 1-4 p.m.
Oberlin Public Library Community Room
65 S. Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074

A strong personal pitch can be essential for landing the land you want, but as a new farmer, promoting yourself can feel daunting. In this guided experience, participants create a personal farmer pitch, a story that highlights you as a person and as a grower. Build confidence and acquire strategies for engaging landowners or financial institutions. This workshop includes expert tips on what landowners are looking for, and face-to-face time practicing your uniquely crafted “farm-seeker pitch.”

Cost and registration: $75. Register at outreach.oeffa.org/pitch-your-farm-dream. Space is limited. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.

Cooperative Farming Learning Series

Mondays, October 21, October 28, November 4 • 3-5 p.m.
Virtual

Cooperatives do business differently—they are member-owned and -controlled businesses that share profits and other benefits with users based on principles like self-help and equity. The model has long been applied in agriculture. Learn about the cooperative business model in local food and agriculture contexts in this three-part series.

- Cooperation as a business model (October 21)—What are cooperatives? How do they compare to other businesses? How are they being used to build local food systems and farms?
- Success as a cooperative (October 28)—Co-ops are people-based businesses with members, directors, and others playing key roles in the success of a cooperative enterprise. Dive into the key stakeholders in a cooperative and what they do.
- Cooperative farming financial considerations (November 4)—Cooperatives share profits with their member-owners based on use. And members hold the equity in cooperative enterprises—key characteristics that are part of the “co-op difference.” Understand how money moves through a cooperative and key financial considerations for developing one in food and agriculture.

Registration: Register at news.oeffa.org/cooperative-farming.

Details: Sessions will be taught by team members at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Center for Cooperatives at OSU. The Center assists entrepreneurs, educates the community, and generates knowledge about the cooperative business model with a special focus on food, agriculture, and rural communities. Learn more at go.osu.edu/cooperatives or osucooperatives@osu.edu.
Indigo Exploration Workshop
Saturday, October 26 • 9 a.m.-Noon

Praxis Fiber Workshop
15301 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110

This hands-on workshop includes a brief history of Praxis and its indigo program, a tour of the studio and garden, and the chance to dye material in several indigo and natural dye vats. Praxis Fiber Workshop will provide bandanas and fabric, but guests are also welcome to bring t-shirts or something similar for dyeing.

Cost and Registration: $50 for OEFFA members; $60 for nonmembers. Register at news.oeffa.org/indigo-exploration. Space is limited. This includes natural dye instruction and materials. Thanks to funding from the USDA 2501 grant, partial registration scholarships are available for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants.

Parking: Street parking is available on Waterloo Road, as well in a Praxis private lot located behind the studio (second driveway on the left accessible via Shiloh Street).

The USDA and You: Conservation Programs
Tuesday, November 12 • 7-8 p.m.
Virtual
Explore USDA conservation programs and the ways they can benefit farmers. This session will focus on the NRCS’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Learn about the historic funding in the Inflation Reduction Act, as well as how the programs work, their impact, and how farmers and farm advocates can influence their implementation to improve them over time. If you have used one of these programs, or are thinking about it, please join the conversation!

Registration: Register at action.oeffa.com/usda-and-you.
Coit Road Farm Market and Green Movement Glenville, Cuyahoga Co. 
(East Cleveland) 
    Christopher Thompson, cthompson2@centralstate.edu

Trumbull Neighborhood Partners, Trumbull Co. (Warren) 
    Christopher Thompson, cthompson2@centralstate.edu

Grace Community Center, Lucas Co. (Toledo) 
    Michelle Wallace, mwallace@centralstate.edu

Melrose Acres with Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk (SOUP), Clark Co. 
    (Springfield) 
    Marc Amante, mamante@centralstate.edu

Urban Greens with Muskingum SWCD, Muskingum Co. (Zanesville) 
     Denise Natoli Brooks, dbrooks@centralstate.edu

Details: For more information about the program, contact Dr. Cindy Folck at afolck@centralstate.edu.

Building Small Farm Viability

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 the 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. Cindy Folck at afolck@centralstate.edu or Shelby Clark Hivnor at sclark@centralstate.edu.
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
hello@commongreensohio.org, commongreensohio.org

Sunbeam Family Farm Tour

Sunday, June 23 • 2 p.m.
Sunbeam Family Farm
Cynthia and Chuck Dilbone
3414 Northridge Rd., Alexandria, OH 43001
sunbeamfamilyfarm.com

Working with flowers is a wonderful way to bring people together, promote positive energy, stress relief, and healing. Learn to craft flower bouquets in this workshop with two long time Common Greens producers, Pam of L Marie and Adrianne of Owl’s Nest. Leave with the bouquet you made wrapped in tissue or craft paper, knowledge about arranging, and a fun experience!

Details: Check in at the Common Greens info booth.
Cost and registration: $25. Register at commongreensohio.org/community-programs-events.

New Path Farm Tour

Sunday, July 14 • Noon
New Path Farm
13805 Hartford Rd., Sunbury, OH 43074
newpathfarmohio.com

Take a broad look into New Path Farm before delving into the details of each specific area. See the steps involved in their different crops and products up to the point of packing and getting ready for delivery or markets.
Local Millers Farm Tour

Sunday, July 21 • 2-4 p.m.

**Brandt Family Farm, Local Millers**
6100 Basil Western Rd., Carroll, OH 43112
walnutcreekseeds.com, localmillers.com

David Brandt was considered the “godfather of regenerative farming.” Now, his grandson is running Brandt Family Farm, continuing in his footsteps. Tour around their fields and learn about the Brandts’ regenerative farming practices, and even see their seed/grain cleaning machine. Then, Joe and Doris, owners of Local Millers, will show the mills and demonstrate how stone milling works.

Owl’s Nest Farm Tour

**Monday, July 22 • 11 a.m.**

**Owl’s Nest Farm**
550 Gleason Rd., Piketon, OH 45661
owlsnest.farm

See this flower farm’s annual production beds, perennial gardens, greenhouse, workshop, and irrigation setup. Please bring a vase or jar so you can pick some flowers to take home.

Fresh Finds Farmers Market Tours

**Saturdays, July 27, October 12 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

**Clintonville Farmers Market**
3535 North High St., Columbus, OH 43214
commongreensohio.org/clintonville

Join Common Greens for special market tours led by their passionate board members, farmers, or producers. These tours unlock the secrets behind the beloved weekly market, offering a short history of the market and an opportunity to hear directly from some of your favorite producers. Whether you're a seasoned market enthusiast or new to the scene, these tours invite everyone to discover the magic that brings our vibrant markets to life.

Details: Check in at the Common Greens info booth.

Cost and registration: $25. Register at commongreensohio.org/community-programs-events.

Pawpaw Workshop

**Saturday, August 3 • 9, 10, 11 a.m.**

**Clintonville Farmers Market**
3535 North High St., Columbus, OH 43214
commongreensohio.org/clintonville

Join Libbey Farm for a seminar on growing pawpaws (*Asimina triloba*) in your backyard! Discover the history and magic of Ohio’s official state native fruit. Guests will receive a swag bag that includes a pawpaw seed kit, plus exclusive access to seedlings and grafted trees. Learn about propagating plants, finding tools and resources, and other insider tips.

Details: Check in at the Common Greens info booth.

Cost and registration: $25. Register at commongreensohio.org/community-programs-events.

Rock Dove Farm Tour

**Sunday, August 25 • 2 p.m.**

**Rock Dove Farm**
Todd and Heather Schriver
5319 State Route 142 SE, West Jefferson, OH 43162
rockdove.farm

Walk through Rock Dove Farm and hear about some of their collaborative projects with Fox Hollow Farm, beekeepers, aquarium fish farmers, and more. And for the last two seasons the farm underwent a lot of infrastructure projects, in part, through a USDA grant. Check out their updates, including a well, two high tunnels, some ponds, and an ongoing compost and reforestation project.
FairShare CSA Coalition builds resilient food communities throughout the Midwest by investing in farmers and empowering eaters. Through outreach and education, they are supporting thriving farms, vibrant communities, and fresh food for all.

Three Creeks Produce Tour and Field Walk
Sunday, July 7 • 1-3 p.m.
Three Creeks Produce
Andy Hupp and Kendyl Meadows
5362 Swisher Rd., Groveport, OH 43125
threecreeksproduce.com

Many farms have diversified outlets, making wash/pack management a high priority. Multiple options exist to keep products flowing while maintaining high quality. Costs for indoor packsheds can seem out of reach, but thoughtful choices and creativity can go pretty far. See how Three Creeks implements simple processes to serve their customers (restaurants, wholesale outlets, and CSA participants) with their limited facilities, infrastructure, cold storage, and labor. Discuss what they started with, how they use what they have, and what’s next on their list.

Parking: The farm is located in a residential area on a narrow road, so please park in the farm residence driveway (double parking may be required).

Registration: Register at eventbrite.com/e/tour-and-field-walk-with-three-creeks-produce-registration-875415349877.

CSA and Wholesale Farm Tour with Shared Legacy Farms
Wednesday, August 28 • 3-5 p.m.
Shared Legacy Farms
Kurt and Corinna Bench
3701 Schultz-Portage Rd., Elmore, OH 43416
sharedlegacyfarms.com

Managing a large CSA as well as wholesale outlets takes a great deal of organization and planning. Kurt and Corinna Bench at Shared Legacy Farms have managed to keep both outlets happy and have implemented practices over the years that keep the work streams efficient. Visit this robust multi-generational farm and see how they manage their processes and keep their customers fulfilled with a steady flow of fresh produce throughout the season.

Parking: Park along the driveway.

Registration: Register at eventbrite.com/e/csa-and-wholesale-farm-tour-with-shared-legacy-farms-registration-875434065857.
From county level extension programs to multi-state research initiatives, The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is deeply involved in sustainability work. OSU, along with Central State University, Extension coordinates USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) programming in Ohio, and supports numerous teams, programs, and events both locally and state-wide. The OSU Agroecosystem Management Program (AMP) also serves Ohio agriculture with several projects and endowed programs to advance sustainable food systems in Ohio, including the OFFER organic program, the Warner Grants, and the Stinner Summit. Our shared goal is to connect university resources and farmers to address sustainability together.

**Manure Science Review**

**Tuesday, August 6 • 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Molly Caren Agricultural Center**

135 State Route 38 NE, London, OH 43140

ocamm.osu.edu

Learn about best manure application practices, effects of manure placement on subsurface drainage, and the 360 RAIN irrigation unit. See demonstrations of the 360 RAIN for liquid manure application, dry manure calibration, an autonomous tractor, and manure spill mitigation.

**Cost and Registration:** $25. Register at ocamm.osu.edu.

**Organic Weed Control Field Day for Row Crops**

**Monday, August 19 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Bishop Family Farms**

6362 Township Highway 80, Mt. Blanchard, OH 45867

This event caters to agricultural professionals who would like to learn more about organic production. Participation is also open to row crop farmers considering a transition to or towards organic production. The workshop will focus on organic weed control, with an overview of the regulations, biology, tools, and tactics, including (conditions permitting) equipment demonstrations.

Co-sponsored by Organic Agronomy Training Service (O.A.T.S.) through a grant with USDA North Central Region SARE program project number ENC22-215.
Ohio-Pennsylvania No-Till Field Day

Tuesday, August 20 • 1-4:30 p.m.

Myron Wehr Farm
45404 State Route 46, New Waterford, OH 44408
 ohioionotillcouncil.com

Attendees will see cover crop plots and learn how they improve soil health with Jay Brandt from Walnut Creek Seeds. Osler Ortez, a corn specialist with OSU Extension, will discuss corn trials at the Wehr Farm and across the state, also diving into his cover crop research projects. A farmer panel will answer questions about sustainability, regenerative agriculture, and economics.

Registration: Learn more and register at ohioionotillcouncil.com.

Crop and Livestock Integration Field Day

Sunday, August 25 • 4-7 p.m.

Down Home Farms
7230 Medford Rd., Versailles, OH 45380

darke.co

Greg McGlinch raises poultry and hogs, along with corn, soybeans, oats, clover, and rye on his 450-acre farm. He is one of 31 on-farm research partners focusing on the economic and environmental tradeoffs of crop and livestock integration for the last two years. Hear from project participants and the host about the approaches they have taken to crop and livestock integration, and discuss soil health and other outcomes from both farmer and researcher perspectives.

Turning Dirt into Healthy Soil

Tuesday, September 10 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Matt Burkholder Farm
6720 Stewart Rd., Lima, OH 45807
 ohioionotillcouncil.com

Rick Clark, a prominent organic no-till farmer in Indiana, will describe his operation, including the economics. Brent Nicol from The Nature Conservancy will discuss different methods of testing your soil. Rainfall Simulator and infiltration ring demos will show the value of good soil health. And learn how healthy soil contributes to healthy people with Dani Kusner.

Registration: Learn more and register at ohioionotillcouncil.com.

Directions: Go north of Lima on Rt. 65. The farm is about a mile east of Rt. 65

Ohio State West Fest: West Campus Science & Sustainability Festival

Saturday, October 19 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ohio State University
1059 Carmack Rd., Columbus, OH 43210
 u.osu.edu/stemimpact/westfest

In its 8th year, this event features interactive STEM-related activities at various booths and behind-the-scenes tours of Ohio State research facilities, along with food trucks, prizes, and other fun family activities. Visit u.osu.edu/stemimpact/westfest for more information, including event sites and parking options.