Join Us!

Join below or online at *www.oeffa.org/membership*

Membership Levels *(please circle one)*

$10 Full-Time Student* **$35** Individual **$50** Family **$50** Family Farm
$50 Non-Profit Organization **$100** Business **$1000** Lifetime

☐ Membership (New or Renewal) $ _____
☐ Donation $ _____
☐ Newsletter Subscription only ($20) $ _____

Name(s): _____
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Which of the following best describes you? Please select up to TWO.

__ Crop Farmer
__ Crop and Livestock Farmer
__ Buyer/Retailer/Restauranteur
__ Concerned Citizen/Other
__ Livestock Farmer
__ Gardener/Homesteader
__ Government/Non-Profit/Educator

OEFFA members are encouraged to participate in one of our local chapters. To join a chapter, check one of the following:

__ **Athens Chapter** (Athens, Hocking, Perry, Morgan, Washington, Meigs, and Vinton Co.)
__ **Capital Chapter** (Franklin Co. area)
__ **Grain Growers Chapter** (Statewide)
__ **Heart of Ohio Chapter** (Knox, Licking, and Delaware Co.)
__ **Lake Effect Chapter** (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake Co.)
__ **Little Miami Chapter** (Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Green, and Fayette Co.)
__ **MOON Chapter** (Butler, Preble, and Warren Co.)
__ **OK River Valley Chapter** (Brown and Adams Co. and KY)
__ **Real FOOD Chapter** (Ashland, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Co.)
__ **Southwest Ohio Chapter** (Hamilton and Clermont Co.)

☐ I prefer to receive my newsletter delivered to my email address
(*Required for student memberships)

☐ Rarely, OEFFA exchanges mailing labels with other organizations.
Check here if you do not wish to receive such mailings.

Mail to: OEFFA, 41 Croswell Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43214

Who We Are

The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) was founded in 1979 and is a grassroots coalition of farmers, backyard gardeners, consumers, retailers, educators, researchers, and others who share a desire to build a healthy food system that brings prosperity to family farmers, meets the growing consumer demand for local food, creates economic opportunities for our rural communities, and safeguards the environment.

For more than 30 years, OEFFA has used education, advocacy, and grassroots organizing to promote local and organic food systems, helping farmers and consumers reconnect and together build a sustainable food system, one meal at a time.

Benefits of Membership

All members receive:

- Subscription to the information-packed OEFFA newsletter
- Access to and a free listing in our local food and product directory, the *Good Earth Guide*
- Invitations to OEFFA's educational workshops, webinars, and summer farm tours
- Discounted admission to the annual conference and other events
- Food and farming policy updates and advocacy opportunities
- Free participation in our farm apprenticeship program
- Free (un)classified ads in the OEFFA newsletter
- Voting privileges in the organization

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Membership and General Information



What We Do



Annual Conference

Ohio's largest ecological agriculture conference features nationally-recognized speakers, a trade show, children's activities, entertainment, and locally-sourced meals. Each conference offers more than 90 workshops taught by experienced OEFFA members, farmers, and researchers on sustainable farming, gardening, and homesteading.

Organic Certification

One of the oldest and most respected programs in the nation, OEFFA's Certification program ensures that organic crop and livestock producers meet the high standards established for organically grown food. The process of documentation and monitoring, strict production standards, and on-site inspections sets organic products apart from all others. These standards protect farmers, distributors, consumers, and the environment.

Farm Tours and Workshops

Our annual series of free public farm tours features organic and ecological farms and gardens, providing unique opportunities for Ohioans to see, taste, feel, and learn what alternative production systems are all about from the real experts – the farmers themselves. We also offer workshops, webinars, and other educational opportunities that help beginning and experienced farmers build their production, business, and marketing skills.

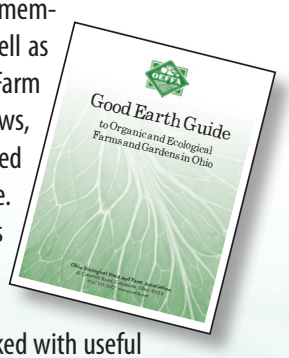
Investing in Farmers

The OEFFA Investment Fund is the farmers' source for financing, making flexible and affordable capital available to OEFFA members engaged in sustainable food and farm business ventures. By helping mobilize additional capital, OEFFA is working to increase the availability of local, sustainably grown, fresh food in Ohio, grow food- and farm-related business opportunities, and encourage expansion of ecological agricultural practices.



Keeping You Connected

OEFFA's quarterly newsletter keeps members updated on OEFFA's work as well as regional, state, and national news. Farm profiles, practical tips, book reviews, resources, and events are included in every thought-provoking issue. OEFFA's *Good Earth Guide* promotes local food and farm products and connects consumers with farmers in their area. OEFFA's website is packed with useful information for growers, backyard gardeners, teachers, and students.





Learning from Each Other

OEFFA members are an invaluable source of practical knowledge and experience. OEFFA's Farmer Information Network connects individuals with production and marketing questions with experienced farmers who have the answers. OEFFA's apprenticeship program links students and aspiring farmers with knowledgeable growers, providing farmers with labor and support.

Farm Policy Matters

OEFFA advocates for state and federal policies that protect and benefit sustainable agriculture, research and education, and citizens' right to know. Working with our members, we give voice to ecological family farmers who are creating rural economic opportunities and safeguarding the environment.



Pathways to Profitability

A good dinner can satisfy more than our appetite. A vibrant, local food system can provide Ohio's family farmers with a secure income, while meeting the growing consumer demand for fresh, local food. By breaking down the barriers that small farmers face, providing direct assistance and organic certification, promoting local products, and educating consumers, we help create economic success for today's farmers, while empowering the next generation of beginning and transitioning farmers.