



Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association  
43rd Annual Conference  
February 12, 17-19, 2022 – Online and in Dayton, Ohio

## Speaking at OEFFA Details, Terms, and Conditions

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the 43rd annual OEFFA Conference, taking place online and in person February 2022. A diverse selection of excellent workshops is what makes the OEFFA conference special. All of us at OEFFA sincerely appreciate your support and passion for a more sustainable food system!

Milo Petruziello is the primary contact for anything workshop related. Please do not hesitate to contact him at any time if you have questions or concerns about your session, the application process, or any of the information outlined below. Here is Milo's contact information:

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Below is information about our workshop process, our workshop format, and our speaker benefits.

***Please read ALL of this information*** and contact Milo you have any questions or concerns. OEFFA will consider a completed application confirmation that you have read, understood, and agreed to all of the information below. When you are ready to complete a proposal, please follow the link provided at the end of this document to access the form.

## Tentative Workshop Schedule Details

**Virtual Conference Day:** Saturday, February 12

**Workshop Length:** 60 minutes

**Workshop Schedule:**

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**In-Person Conference Days:** Friday, February 18 – Saturday, February 19

**Workshop Length:** 90 Minutes

**Workshop Schedule:**

- Friday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 18, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Dayton Convention Center, 22 E 5th St, Dayton, OH 45402



## Workshop Development Process

OEFFA reviews all proposals based on the relevance of the topic to our attendees, the balance of the topic with other presentations (i.e., we try to avoid multiple presentations on the same topic), the recent history of the topic at conference (i.e., we may avoid topics already covered within the last two years), the qualifications of the speaker, OEFFA's history with the speaker (if any), and the thoroughness and clarity of the application. Due to the high degree of interest in speaking at the OEFFA conference, we cannot accommodate all requests to speak. All applicants who submit complete proposals will be informed of their status by late October.

## Multiple Speaker Sessions

Most conference workshops are led by a single speaker, but we will consider requests for additional speakers on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, a co-presenter or panel discussion can add considerable value to a topic by diversifying the perspectives, but, in some instances, more speakers may reduce workshop quality by diluting the focus. If you wish to have a co-presenter, please have a clear idea of what that person is contributing to the workshop and why that contribution adds value for participants.

**In instances where we approve multiple speaker sessions, we do ask that all speakers from separate households or businesses each complete either the full proposal or a multi-speaker workshop form.** For example: a farmer and a restaurateur presenting together would need to complete separate forms but two employees from the same farm would not. This helps us make sure we have effective communication and clear expectations set with all speakers. OEFFA will walk you through the process if multiple forms are needed.

## Speaker Stipends

OEFFA has a stipend budget of **\$50 for each one-hour virtual workshop** and **\$80 for each 90-minute in-person workshop**. Solo speakers who are eligible to receive a stipend will receive the full amount budgeted for their timeslot. In the case of workshops with multiple speakers, the stipend will be divided evenly between them, e.g., two speakers co-presenting a 90-minute workshop would each receive \$40.

**Extension Educators, government employees presenting in their official capacity, and trade show vendors are not eligible for stipends.** Instead, OEFFA will donate the value of the stipend they would have received to a BIPOC-led nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable food systems in Ohio. In instances where a speaker who is ineligible for a stipend co-presents with a speaker who is eligible, OEFFA will divide the total stipend evenly and donate just the portion of the stipend that would have gone to the ineligible speaker. For example, if an Extension Educator co-presents an in-person workshop with a farmer, the farmer will receive \$40 and OEFFA will donate \$40 on behalf of the Extension Educator.



## Additional Benefits

In addition to their stipend, **virtual workshop** presenters receive:

- One (1) free registration to the conference for the presenter. This includes both the virtual and in-person portions of the conference but does not include Food and Farm School registration or special conference related events that require an additional fee.
- Complimentary one-year individual membership to OEFFA.
- The option to register one household member or a business partner for the conference at the reduced rate of \$60.

In addition to their stipend, **in-person workshop** presenters receive:

- One (1) free registration to the conference for the presenter. This includes both the virtual and in-person portion of the conference but does not include Food and Farm School registration or special conference related events that require an additional fee.
- Complimentary one-year individual membership to OEFFA.
- The option to register one household member or a business partner for the conference at the reduced rate of \$60.
- Free parking in the attached parking garage on the day of the presenter's workshop.
- One (1) complimentary conference meal (lunch or dinner on Friday, no meal is offered on Saturday).
- Free childcare or kids' conference for up to two children 12 and under on one day or one child 12 and under for both days.

## Recording of Workshops

As a presenter at the conference, you agree that your presentation will be recorded.

We still working out details, but our intention is to record all workshops, including the in-person ones, using Zoom and make them available for conference attendees to rewatch, but not download, via the online conference portal until the end of March. OEFFA will provide the recorded presentation to speakers that request a copy, but we ask that you not release it publicly until one year after the event has ended. If circumstances force us to alter our approach, we will provide updated information to all speakers prior to confirming their participation.

OEFFA photographs some, but not all, conference workshops. Your workshop may be photographed by OEFFA. Photos belong to OEFFA and can be used in future promotion. Care will be given to not take photos of members of the Plain community.



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A few in-person workshops may be selected for livestreaming during the event. If OEFFA is interested in livestreaming your workshop, they will contact you directly to work out the details of the arrangement. Declining to have your workshop livestreamed will not affect your ability to speak at conference.

## Endorsement of Products or Services

OEFFA sessions are for the purpose of education and are not to be used to sell products or services. We understand that many of our speakers represent farms, companies, or organizations with products or services to sell. Speakers are welcome to mention a suitable product, reference a trade show booth, or inform attendees of a future class--and we do not expect speakers representing a company to mention competing products. However, the products you sell must not be the focus of your presentation. Attendees are usually put off by presentations they perceive as infomercials, and complaints of this nature do appear in conference comments.

## Community Standards

OEFFA is a big tent. The OEFFA Conference belongs to our members and attendees representing a diverse range of racial and ethnic backgrounds, lifestyles, sexualities, gender identities, political views, social values, and growing scales and practices. Our members include urban, suburban, and rural; women, men, and nonbinary people; young and old; libertarian and socialist; Amish and atheist. We welcome farmers big and small, homesteaders, gardeners, activists, food entrepreneurs, students, academics, and once even a newborn lamb wearing diaper (the owners even named it OEFFA; it was adorable). Please be respectful of the variety of viewpoints present in the room, including those of conventional, sustainable, transitional, and organic farmers. Avoid inappropriate behavior such as swearing, religious or political commentary, insensitive jokes, or disparaging other people, businesses, or organizations.

## How to Apply

To receive full consideration, please complete a proposal for each workshop using the online form by August 29, 2021. While applying you can select whether you prefer to speak virtually, in-person, or are open to either format.

Proposal Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oeffa-conference-proposal-2022>

## In Gratitude

We are grateful for everything you do to support sustainable and organic agriculture. The OEFFA conference is special because of the contribution of leaders like you. Thank you.