

2022 OEFFA SUSTAINABLE FARM TOUR AND WORKSHOP SERIES

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**Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association
Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice
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GET YOUR SHOES DIRTY!

This annual series of public tours features 23 organic and ecological farms and businesses in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, providing unique opportunities for farmers, educators, and conscientious eaters to learn about sustainable agriculture and local foods on the farm.

In addition to farm tours, this year's series also includes a potluck and educational workshops on USDA programs, commercial solar arrays, land access, calculating cost of production and profitability, and more.

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

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.



Event organizers do not endorse any commercial products 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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MAY

Wednesday, May 25
**Farm Bill Programs:
One-Stop Workshop**
Virtual Pg. 14

Saturday, May 28
Dogwood Festival
Greene Co. Pg. 20

JUNE

Wednesdays, June 15, July 20,
August 17
**CommUnity Herbalism
Skillshare Series**
Greene Co. Pg. 20

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**Commercial Urban Farming
Tour**
Hamilton Co. Pg. 7

Monday and Tuesday, June 27
and 28
**Land and Story for Educators
and Healers**
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**Infrastructure Capitalization
Farm Tour**
Franklin Co. Pg. 8

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Talon Silverhorn**
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**Walking the Talk on the
Climate Crisis**
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**Begin Farmer Summer
Potluck and Social**
Montgomery Co. Pg. 15

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**Small Sustainable Vegetable
and Raspberry Farm Tour**
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**Starting a School Garden
Workshop**
Athens Co. Pg. 16

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Agraria Annual Meeting
Greene Co. Pg. 21

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**Regenerative Grazing
Pasture Walk**
Paulding Co. Pg. 8

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Workshop**
Virtual Pg. 17

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**Organic Grain Transition
Farm Tour and Grain Growers
Chapter Meeting**
Wyandot Co. Pg. 9

Sunday, July 31
**Technical Pasture Walk
for Multi-Species
Meat Producers**
Portage Co. Pg. 10

AND WORKSHOP SERIES

AUGUST

Sunday, August 7
**Unique Herb and Berry
Farm Tour**
Madison Co. Pg. 27

Friday-Sunday, August 12-14
Grain School
Greene Co. Pg. 22

Saturday, August 13
**Community Foodways
Farm Tour**
Richland Co. Pg. 10

Saturday, August 13
**Vegetable and Orchard
Farm Tour**
Fairfield Co. Pg. 27

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**Fruits and Family in the
Miami Valley Farm Tour**
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SEPTEMBER

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Farm Tour**
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Friday and Saturday,
September 9 and 10
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Vegetable Farm Tour**
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October 16
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Workshop Series**
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Friday and Saturday,
November 4 and 5
**Pathways to Regeneration:
Critical Agrarianism**
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**Winter High Tunnel
Produce Farm Tour**
Licking Co. Pg. 13

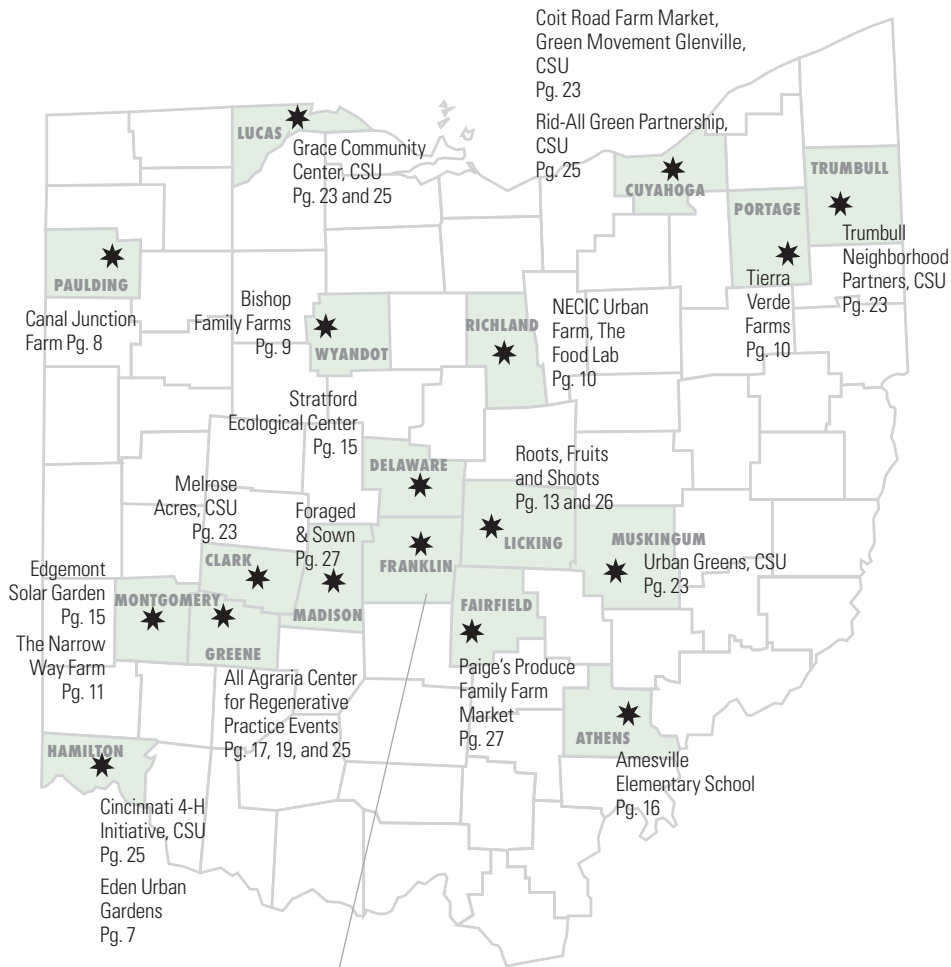
DECEMBER

Mondays, December 5,
12, and 19
**Profitability and Full
Cost of Production
Course**
Virtual Pg. 18

BIPOC

This tag designates events led by
Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC).
All are welcome to attend.

TOUR AND WORKSHOP MAP



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Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association



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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; produces a quarterly newsletter; provides organic certification services and technical assistance to beginning, organic, and transitioning farmers, and advocates for policies that protect and benefit sustainable farmers and food systems.

OEFFA FARM TOURS

Commercial Urban Farm Tour

Sunday, June 26 • 2-6:30 p.m.

Eden Urban Gardens

April Pandora
Cincinnati, OH
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edenurbangardens.com



HAMILTON CO.



Eden Urban Gardens grows on a little over half an acre in urban Cincinnati. USDA Certified organic and Real Organic Project certified, this multi-field operation produces diverse crops of vegetables, fruits, herbs, medicinal herbs, and has successfully retrofitted urban land and spaces into a commercial farming production.

The guided tour will take place 2-4:30 p.m., starting at one field before moving to two other field sites. An optional potluck will follow from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration: RSVP required to (513) 485-2679 or edenurbangardens@gmail.com. Tour capacity is limited to 20. Address will be provided upon RSVP. Street parking only.

PRESENTED BY OEFFA

Infrastructure Capitalization Farm Tour

Wednesday, June 29 • 1 p.m.

Three Creeks Produce

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(614) 664-3276
farmer@threecreeksproduce.com
threecreeksproduce.com



FRANKLIN CO.

Three Creeks Produce grows organic produce on seven acres just outside of Columbus, distributing to restaurants, independent groceries, and other outlets in Central Ohio. They started the farm in 2016 as first generation farmers.

During this tour, Three Creeks Produce will introduce the operation with a focus on selecting, planning, and building infrastructure and equipment as beginning farmers.

Directions: From Columbus, take I-270 south to exit 49 for Alum Creek Dr. toward Obetz. Go south on Alum Creek Dr. for about .25 mile and turn left onto Groveport Rd. Continue for 1 mile before turning right onto Swisher Rd. The farm is on the left in .25 miles.

Parking: Parking is available at Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltzgaber Rd., Groveport, OH 43125. Attendees can walk west across the shared property line to the rear of Three Creeks Produce, where the tour will begin.

Regenerative Grazing Pasture Walk

Saturday, July 16 • 10 a.m.

Canal Junction Farm

Ralph, Sheila, and Kyle Schlatter
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(419) 399-7545, canaljunctionfarm@gmail.com
canaljunctionfarm.com



PAULDING CO.

Canal Junction Farm is a diversified livestock farm just south of Junction, Ohio, a booming town in the 1800s where the Miami Erie and Wabash Erie canals meet. Today, the farm is tended by fifth and sixth generation farmers. Their focus starts in the ground with building healthy soils, which translates to nutritious and delicious meats and cheeses. Canal Junction Farm is a pasture-based operation with 625 acres of owned and rented ground of pastures and hay fields. They have practiced regenerative farming for more than 28 years.

This tour will be a pasture walk covering all aspects of the farm's operations, including its dairy program, cheese, beef, lamb, pork, broiler chickens, eggs, and turkeys. Attendees will be able to shop in the farm store and learn about the farm's buying club approach to direct marketing.

Directions: From Rte. 24, go south 5.5 miles on Hwy 143. Turn left onto Rd. 168, the farm is on the left in .5 mile. From Rte. 127, go east 5 miles on Rte. 613. Turn left onto Rte. 637 and continue north for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Rd. 168, the farm is on the left in .5 mile.

Organic Grain Transition Farm Tour and Grain Growers Chapter Meeting

Saturday, July 23 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bishop Family Farms

Greg Bishop
6362 Township Hwy 80, Mt. Blanchard, OH 45867
(419) 306-2934



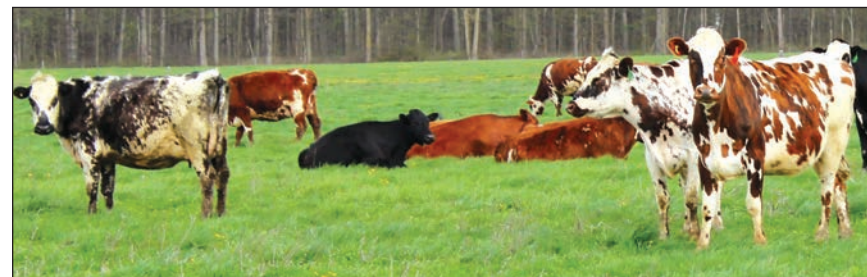
WYANDOT CO.

Greg and Beth Bishop and their son, Blake, transitioned Bishop Family Farms' 1,300 acres to organic production two years ago. Their five year crop rotation includes corn, soybeans, wheat, sunflowers, and canola.

During this tour, attendees will learn about their transition and see their equipment, including an electric weeder. 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 serveware will be provided. The tour will begin at 1 p.m.

Registration: To register for the potluck, call (419) 278-2701 or email dshively@gmail.com.

Directions: From I-75, take exit 142 onto Rte. 103 E. Continue past Mt. Blanchard for about 3 miles and turn left onto Rd. 80. The farm is on the left in about .5 mile.



CANAL JUNCTION FARM

Technical Pasture Walk for Multi-Species Meat Producers

Sunday, July 31 • 4-6 p.m.

Tierra Verde Farms

Mike and Connie Jones
(330) 597-6141, mike@tierraverdefarms.com



PORTAGE CO.

Mike and Connie Jones have raised cattle, hogs, lamb, chickens, and turkeys in Portage County since 2010.

This tour will provide an in-depth and farmer-focused technical pasture walk at Tierra Verde Farms. Attendees will walk the farm and tour its infrastructure while Mike shares his numbers and decision-making process. This is an opportunity for meat producers to have an informal, substantive on-farm learning experience.

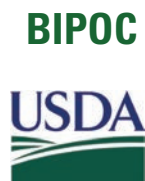
Cost and Registration: \$10. Pre-registration is required to keep the group size manageable and the conversation focused. Address will be provided upon registration. Register at oeffa.org/news/multi-species-meat-producers.

Community Foodways Farm Tour

Saturday, August 13 • 1 p.m.

NECIC Urban Farm, The Food Lab

Walter Bonham and Justin Ocheltree
311 Bowman St., Mansfield, OH 44903
(419) 512-3395, waltbonham@gmail.com
richlandgro-op.com



RICHLAND CO.

The Mansfield Microfarm Project (MMP) is a community-university collaborative to create economic development through sustainable microfarming (small-plot, high-intensity organic agriculture) in post-industrial urban spaces. The main



NECIC URBAN FARM, THE FOOD LAB

objective is establishing a sustainable community-based training program for aspiring beginning farmers that provides farming and business skills necessary to manage a small-scale intensive farm operation. This program also supports economic development in the low-opportunity North End of Mansfield through two organizations: the North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Inc. (NECIC) and the Richland Gro-op (RGO).

Attendees can expect to see and discuss best growing procedures, obstacles faced during development, the operation's processes of marketing and sales, composting procedures, crop plans, how their co-operative operates, and more.

Directions: From I-71, take exit 169 for Rte. 13 toward Mansfield/Bellville. Turn left onto Rte. 13 N and continue for 4.5 miles. When approaching Mansfield, use the left lane to turn right onto S. Main St. Continue for 300 feet before turning left onto Glessner Ave. After almost .5 mile, turn right onto Sturges Ave. Continue straight onto Bowman St. after another .5 mile and the farm is on the left. From Rte. 30 E, take the Rte. 39/Springmill St. exit toward Shelby. Keep right at the fork, following signs for Rte. 39 E/Springmill St. S and merge on. In less than a mile, turn right onto Bowman St. The farm is on the right in .25 mile.

Fruits and Family in the Miami Valley Farm Tour

Friday, August 26 • 5 p.m.

The Narrow Way Farm

David and Tia Stuart
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thenarrowwayfarm.com



MONTGOMERY CO.

The Narrow Way Farm is a 5-acre family owned and operated farm. Dedicated to providing local, responsibly grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers, no harsh chemical pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers are used on the property. The land and plants are cared for by using natural fertilizers and soil enhancers. The Narrow Way Farm also offers farm-produced goods such as jams, jellies, and fruit butters made mainly with fruit grown on the farm.

Directions: From I-70, take exit 21 to Co. Rd. 553/Brookville and turn south onto Arlington Rd. Continue for 1.3 miles before turning left onto Westbrook Rd. Take an immediate right onto Johnsville Brookville Rd. The farm is on the right in 2.3 miles.

Efficient Systems Design Farm Tour

Wednesday, September 7 • 10 a.m.

Old City Acres

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oldcityacres.com

BIPOC



MICHIGAN
(WAYNE CO.)

Old City Acres is a four season, no-till market garden located in the swamps outside of Detroit that feeds the community year-round using a flexible CSA model. The farm moved to its current location five years ago and has since transformed a swampy forest into a profitable market garden by the use of extensive drainage and land remediation techniques.

The tour will focus on designing efficient on-farm systems, from wash-pack setup to overall farm layout.

Directions: From Columbus, take Rte. 23 N. Near Carey, Ohio, continue straight onto Rte. 15 W, then Rte. 15 W/Rte. 68 N for almost 18 miles. Take the exit toward Toledo/Rte. 15 before merging onto I-75 N. Continue on I-75 N for almost 75 miles. Take exit 20 for I-275 N toward Flint. Continue onto I-275 N for almost 7 miles. Take exit 8 for Will Carleton Rd. toward Flat Rock and turn left onto E Will Carleton Rd. After .5 mile, turn right onto Waltz Rd. and continue on Waltz Rd. for almost 2 miles. Turn left onto Willow Rd. and continue for 3.3 miles. The farm is on the right. From I-75, take exit 20 for I-275 N toward Flint. Continue onto I-275 N for almost 7 miles. Take exit 8 for Will Carleton Rd. toward Flat Rock and turn onto E Will Carleton Rd. After .5 mile, turn right onto Waltz Rd. and continue on Waltz Rd. for almost 2 miles. Turn left onto Willow Rd. and continue for 3.3 miles. The farm is on the right.

Organic CSA, Flower, and Vegetable Farm Tour

Sunday, September 18 • 5 p.m.

Christopher Farm

Wendy Carpenter and Adrian Hess

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wendy@christopherfarm.net

christopherfarm.net



INDIANA
(RANDOLPH CO.)

Christopher Farm is a mother-son team organically farming almost two acres in eastern Indiana, in the midst of conventional farmland. The acreage is part of a

larger farm that has been handed down over several generations; the vegetable operation has been in progress for more than 25 years. This year, the farm is piloting a live-in intern program as a means of offering encouragement to the growing number of people interested in sustainable agriculture.

In addition to offering a tour of the farm and systems, such as their moveable hoopouses and no-till practices, attendees will learn about how the farm has evolved over the past two and a half decades. Topics include from what has worked to what has fallen by the wayside, and what their experience has been growing and marketing in a rural economy not necessarily looking for organic vegetables.

Directions: From I-70, take exit 151 for Rte. 27/Chester Blvd. Keep right at the fork, following signs for Winchester/Portland, and merge onto Rte. 27 N/Chester Blvd. Continue on Rte. 27 N for almost 12 miles. Turn left onto E 900 S, turn right onto S100 E after 1 mile, then turn left onto Rte. 36 after 1 mile. Continue on Rte. 36 W for 6 miles. Turn right onto S 500 W, continue for 3 miles, then turn left onto W 500 S. The farm is on the left in .3 mile.

Winter High Tunnel Produce Farm Tour

Sunday, November 6 • 2 p.m.

Roots, Fruits and Shoots

Dana Hilfinger

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Johnstown, OH 43031

(734) 276-1895, rootsfruitsshoots@gmail.com

rootsfruitsshoots.com



LICKING CO.

Roots, Fruits and Shoots is a 3-acre vegetable and raspberry farm. They grow year-round using no-till, sustainable practices in almost 7,000 square feet of high tunnel space.

This tour will focus on using tunnels to grow produce through the winter, particularly looking at the cost and benefits of using supplemental heat in a high tunnel for winter production; a project funded by a NCR-SARE grant.

Directions: From Rte. 161 E, take exit at Rte. 310. Take Rte. 310 north for 4 miles, then turn left at Rte. 37. Follow Rte. 37 toward Johnstown for about 1.5 miles. The farm's driveway is located at 5580 Johnstown Alexandria Rd. (also Rte. 37). Turn in at the gravel driveway next to the Ohio Earth Food Microfarm sign. Drive down to the bottom of the hill to park.

OEFFA WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Farm Bill Programs: One-Stop Workshop

Wednesday, May 25 • 12-2 p.m.

Virtual



Rural Action



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Curious, enthusiastic, or skeptical about USDA programs for farmer support? This workshop, a collaboration between OEFFA, Rural Action, Ohio State University Extension, and USDA, is a free virtual webinar about USDA programs and services.

This is intended to highlight how farmers may utilize USDA programs to improve their operations. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with and learn more about the experiences of Ohio farmers who have accessed various resources in breakout sessions. *The Farm Bill Programs: One-Stop Workshop* is participant-driven and will center the goals and challenges of farmers of color, beginning, veteran, and additional marginalized farmers. All are welcome to engage.

Registration: Register at tinyurl.com/usdaonestopshop. Registration will be capped at 50 people. A recording of the webinar will be publicly available after the program. A computer with audio and microphone access will be required; cameras are encouraged, but not required. Closed captioning and auto-transcription will be provided. Contact August Taylor at (614) 725-3161 or august@oeffa.org for questions, including those related to accommodations and accessibility.



STRATFORD ECOLOGICAL CENTER

Walking the Talk on the Climate Crisis

Saturday, July 9 • 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Stratford Ecological Center

3083 Liberty Rd.
Delaware, OH 43015

Join OEFFA and Stratford Ecological Center to learn how to walk the talk on combating the climate crisis. Stratford Ecological Center is an educational farm and state nature preserve where children and adults explore the relationships between living things and their environment, fostering an appreciation of the land and all life that depends on it.

Walk through Stratford's farm and forest to discover how agroforestry, cover crops, pasture-raised livestock, and soil health practices can all contribute to ending the climate crisis. Then, enjoy a delicious locally-sourced lunch before building a collective understanding of how to make change with specific pieces of legislation.

Cost and Registration: \$10. This includes lunch. Register at action.oeffa.com/walking-the-talk-on-the-climate-crisis.

Begin Farmer Summer Potluck and Social

Sunday, July 10 • 4-6 p.m.

Edgemont Solar Garden

907 Miami Chapel Rd.
Dayton, OH 45417



Join OEFFA and the Greater Edgemont Community Coalition for a summer potluck! Farming can be isolating, especially when just starting off. Take this time to meet new friends, or connect with old ones, and grow deep roots within a community of growers. Learn more about the host, the historic Edgemont Solar Garden, a valuable part of the Dayton neighborhood.

Details: This event is free and open to the public, however donations are accepted to support Greater Edgemont Community Coalition's expanding agricultural education efforts. Visit beginfarming.oeffa.org/22-summer-potluck to donate or sign up to volunteer for the potluck. Bringing a lawn chair is encouraged. Please be prepared to write down all of the ingredients included in the food brought so the most food safe environment is available to individuals with dietary restrictions.

Starting a School Garden Workshop

Friday, July 15 • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Amesville Elementary School Garden

23 N. Main St.
Amesville, OH 45711



Wanting to start a kid-friendly garden at your school, farm, or community site? Looking for inspiration and new lesson ideas for a current educational garden? Community Food Initiatives (CFI) has over a decade of experience partnering with schools, farmers, and community groups in rural Appalachian Ohio to design engaging garden programs for youth from preschool through middle school.

In this workshop, discussion will include CFI's history of school gardening, lessons learned, and best practices for building fabulous garden education programs in small communities on a shoestring budget. There will be a tour of the rural Amesville elementary school garden to see an example of a small but effective garden set up, and time to network with others involved in educational garden spaces. Each participant has their choice of a printed or PDF copy of our CFI School Garden Toolkit and will receive materials to complete several hands-on, take home activities that can be easily implemented in your own program or site.

Cost and Registration: \$25. Includes your choice of a printed or PDF copy of the CFI School Garden Toolkit and all materials. Address will be provided upon registration. Register at oeffa.org/news/school-garden-workshop.



AMESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN

Commercial Solar Leases Workshop

Tuesday, July 19 • Noon

Virtual

Many farmers are struggling with the issue of whether or not to lease some of their farmland for commercial solar arrays. Doing so offers an additional revenue stream while also removing the land from cropland production for the foreseeable future, in addition to other environmental concerns.

This virtual discussion will consider the positives and negatives of commercial solar arrays, highlight important factors to be aware of when considering a lease opportunity, and draw on the perspectives of an organic farmer considering what a commercial solar lease would mean for his land and state experts on the issue.

Speakers: Peggy Kirk Hall is the Director of Agricultural and Resource Law at the Ohio State University (OSU), and has done considerable work on commercial solar leases. Eric Romich is an OSU Energy Field Specialist who will share insights into the technical side of solar energy production. Dean McIlvaine is the owner of Twin Parks Organic Farm in Wayne County who is currently considering the pros and cons of leasing some of his land for a commercial solar array.

Registration: Register at action.oeffa.com/solar-leases.

Land Access Workshop Series

Sundays, September 18, September 25,
October 9, October 16 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location TBD

Columbus area

Agraria

131 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.
Yellow Springs, OH 45387



Co-hosted by OEFFA and Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice, this four-part series will offer on-the-ground approaches to finding and financing land, leasing and purchasing land, and assessing land. Participants will clarify their personal and business goals, assess their financial position, and learn what resources are available to find and finance land. The four workshops are intended as a series, but can be taken as standalone. Participants will have pre-work assigned before each workshop to help develop a land access plan.

Details: The first three workshops will be held at a location in the Columbus area. Visit beginfarming.oeffa.org/land-access-workshop-series for more details closer to the event. The last workshop will be held in person at the barn at Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice.

Cost and Registration: \$25 per workshop, \$100 for all four. Register at beginfarming.oeffa.org/land-access-workshop-series. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio (NAICCO). Visit naicco.com to learn more about NAICCO's work and mission. For more information, contact Lainie Rini at (614) 725-3163 or farmlink@oeffa.org.

Use Your Numbers to Assess Profitability and Full Cost of Production Course

Mondays, December 5, 12, 19 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Virtual

This three-part course with farm consultant Ellen Polishuk will take a deep dive into attendees' numbers from the 2022 growing season to understand costs of production and calculate fair prices and wages. In order to increase farm profits, Ellen will work to assess if and which crops, enterprises, and markets are actually generating profits, as well as how much to pay employees fairly.

Visit fairfarms.oeffa.org/polishuk to view introductory videos, as well as a recordkeeping checklist and costing tools resource list to track numbers this growing season.

Cost and Registration: \$75 for the entirety of this course, including a one-on-one consultation with Ellen Polishuk. Course capacity is limited to 40. Register at fairfarms.oeffa.org/polishuk.



ELLEN POLISHUK

Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice



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Yellow Springs, OH 45387

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communitysolution.org

Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice is a 128-acre educational and research farm that explores and demonstrates the benefits of regenerative practices at multiple levels—from the environmental, economic, psychological, and social, to their impact on human health and well-being. Soil regeneration is the root-bed of this work. The farm property is rented out by up-and-coming farmers who work to utilize regenerative techniques to keep the land healthy for years to come.

Since 1940, Agraria, formally known as The Arthur Morgan Institute for Community Solutions, has been a leading advocate for localism and community resilience through conferences and media, such as the film *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*. In 2017, Community Solutions bought Agraria, a farm on the outskirts of Yellow Springs. It is transforming into a Center for Regenerative Practice with a full suite of educational programs and demonstration growing areas. Key initiatives include the Regenerative Farmer Fellowship, a training program for beginning and aspiring farmers from the BIPOC community, a 60-acre restoration of Jacoby Creek in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, the *Grounded Hope* podcast series, pilot agroforestry and research projects, K-12 education in soils, and an ongoing series of workshops on regenerative agriculture and practices.

Events listed in this section will be held at the Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice at 131 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. in Yellow Springs, Ohio. For more details, contact Maureen Fellingner using the information above.



GREENE CO.

Directions: Agraria is located 0.8 miles west of the village of Yellow Springs on Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. From I-675, take Exit 20 for Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. Drive east towards Yellow Springs for 4.5 miles. Agraria will be on the right, just past Huston Rd. From Rte. 68, drive to the north end of Yellow Springs. Turn onto Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., just north of Haha Pizza. Proceed on Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. for 2 miles. Agraria will be on the left.

AGRARIA FARM TOURS

Dogwood Festival

Saturday, May 28 • 2-10 p.m.

Naomi Bongorno
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The Agraria Dogwood Festival will involve daytime family-friendly fun and educational activities on the farm, followed by an evening of food, drink, live music, and dancing in the barn. Come celebrate spring with Agraria!

CommUnity Herbalism Skillshare Series

Wednesdays, June 15, July 20, August 17 • 5:30-7 p.m.

Amy Rebekah Chavez
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Join herbalist and healer Amy Chavez during these monthly sessions. Participants will gather on the land, identify and harvest medicinal plants, and create medicines for specific body system healing. No experience necessary.

Cost and Registration: \$15 per session. Learn more and register at communitysolution.org/events/2022/6/15/community-herbalism-skillshare-beyond-tea.

Land and Story for Educators and Healers

Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Omope Carter Daboiku
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BIPOC

Join Agraria's Artist in Residence, Omope Carter Daboiku, for this 2-day immersive, interactive training for educators and healers.

Cost and Registration: \$150. Learn more and register at communitysolution.org/events/2022/6/27/land-amp-story-for-educators-amp-healers-1.

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Moccasin Workshop with Talon Silverhorn

Saturday, July 9 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kat Christen
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BIPOC

Join Talon Silverhorn for a two day, immersive workshop in moccasin making. Learn the history and use of moccasins, as well as the fundamental techniques for building the shoe. RSVP will be required. Visit communitysolutions.org for more details closer to the event.

Agraria Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 16 • 2-4 p.m.

Rachel Isaacson
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Join Agraria for their annual meeting to hear updates on their work, celebrate those who have helped accomplish it, and help plan for the future.

Grain School

Friday-Sunday, August 12-14 • All day

Beth Bridgeman
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Agraria's immersive, 3-day Grain School offers opportunities to learn about the craft, culture, and cultivation of ancient heritage grains. This program is presented in partnership with Agraria Center for Regenerative Practice, Antioch College, Tecumseh Land Trust, Appalachian Staple Foods Collaborative, Rural Action, and Cornville Seed.

Cost and Registration: \$90 one-day pass, \$250 weekend pass, scholarships are available. Learn more and register at grainschool.eventbrite.com.

Black Farming Conference

Friday-Saturday, September 9-10

Rachel Isaacson
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BIPOC

This year's conference, *Roots, Food, and Storytelling*, will build upon the legacy of ancestral roots of food from the African diaspora and the power of storytelling through food, family, and American culture.

Registration: Learn more and register at community.agrariacenter.org/e/black-farming-conference-roots-food-storytelling.

Pathways to Regeneration: Critical Agrarianism

Friday-Saturday, November 4-5

Rachel Isaacson
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This annual conference will cover critical agrarianism, a topic that examines the intersection of agrarian movements across the globe with important implications for social and ecological justice. Visit communitysolutions.org for more details closer to the event.

Central State University Extension



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Central State University (CSU), located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is an accredited 1890 land-grant university with a 129-year tradition of preparing students from diverse backgrounds for leadership, research, and service. CSU-Extension provides community-based outreach and educational programs designed to improve the lives of families in rural and urban communities through four focus areas—Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Community and Economic Development (CED), Family and Consumer Science (FCS), and 4-H Youth Leadership and Family Development (4-H).

CSU EXTENSION URBAN AGRICULTURE FARM TOURS

Fastrack Farming

Interested in becoming a farmer? This free 12-month program helps prospective farmers learn about farming through classes that include hands-on activities on a demonstration farm. It 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



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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:

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

Logan Walter, lwalter@centralstate.edu

Trumbull Neighborhood Partners, Trumbull Co.

Logan Walter, lwalter@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

Urban Greens with Muskingum SWCD, Muskingum Co.

Denise Natoli Brooks, dbrooks@centralstate.edu

Details: For more information about class schedules, please contact Dr. Sid Dasgupta at sdasgupta@centralstate.edu or Dr. Cindy Folck at afolck@centralstate.edu.



Building Small Farm Viability

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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 Americans, women, 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



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Conferences will be held at Rid-All Green Partnership in Cleveland, Ohio, and Agraria in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Other conferences will be held to help farmers tour and experience other similar farms in other states.

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, please contact Dr. Sid Dasgupta at sdasgupta@centralstate.edu or Dr. Cindy Folck at afolck@centralstate.edu.

Common Greens

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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

Small Sustainable Vegetable and Raspberry Farm Tour

Sunday, July 10 • 2-4 p.m.

Roots, Fruits and Shoots

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rootsfruitsshoots.com



LICKING CO.

Roots, Fruits and Shoots is a 3-acre vegetable and raspberry farm. They grow year-round using no-till, sustainable practices in almost 7,000 square feet of high tunnel space.

This tour will focus on half an acre of raspberries, which are grown using organic practices, melons trellised in the high tunnel, and other no-till vegetables grown in the field. The tour will be from 2-3 p.m., with an opportunity for attendees to pick their own raspberries and melons from 3-4 p.m.

Directions: From Rte. 161 E, take exit at Rte. 310. Take Rte. 310 north for 4 miles, then turn left at Rte. 37. Follow Rte. 37 toward Johnstown for about 1.5 miles. The farm's driveway is located at 5580 Johnstown Alexandria Rd. (also Rte. 37). Turn in at the gravel driveway next to the Ohio Earth Food Microfarm sign. Drive down to the bottom of the hill to park.

Unique Herb and Berry Farm Tour

Sunday, August 7 • 2-5 p.m.

Foraged & Sown

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

Foraged & Sown is a first-generation, women-owned and -operated certified organic farm. Founded in 2015, the herb and berry farm specializes in niche berries and culinary and medicinal herbs used for their line of value-added products, including an on-site herb drying and processing barn. With roots as an urban farm, this tour is the first at their new site, purchased and constructed in 2020. Visitors will enjoy guided walking tours of the 3.5-acre property showcasing over 45 species of perennials and annuals, including a growing number of establishing perennial medicinal herbs. Samples of farm-grown teas, culinary salts, and herb-infused preserves will be available.

Directions: From I-70 west of Columbus, take the Rte. 142/West Jefferson exit. Travel south on Rte. 142 and turn right to follow Rte. 40.142 through West Jefferson. Take a slight left immediately after the bridge to continue on Rte. 142. In 4 miles, the farm is on the left.

Vegetable and Orchard Farm Tour

Saturdays, August 13, and October 8 • Noon

Paige's Produce Family Farm Market

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FAIRFIELD CO.

Paige's Produce Family Farm Market is a family vegetable farm and orchard, selling at farmers markets and their home farm store. They offer a CSA program and u-pick orchard for apples and peaches, as well as pumpkins in the fall. On each date, a live Bluegrass band and Da Que Barbecue food truck are on site from noon to 2 p.m. The tour begins at 2 p.m. August 13: peaches and apples will be available to demonstrate how to select and pick fruit from a tree (participants will be able to purchase their bag for the picking session if desired). October 8: apples will likely be available for u-pick, and pumpkins are for sale. The farm store will be open for shopping.

Directions: From Columbus, take Rte. 33 E toward Lancaster. Exit at Rte. 22 W and turn right. Continue on Rte. 22 for approximately 6 miles, the farm will be on the left shortly after passing the village of Amanda.