

Upcoming Events

Earthworms, Calcium, and Aggregates, Oh My!: Soil Testing & Interpretation

Our soil can sometimes seem like a strange and mysterious territory — it's dark under there, and populated with unseen forces, like earthworms, minerals, microbes, insects, roots, fungi, and (depending on the history of the site) possibly heavy metals and other pollutants.

This FREE event series, taking place at locations across MA, includes a farm/homestead tour, a soil health assessment demonstration and a soil test interpretation lesson. Learn how to test, track and understand the interrelated aspects of soil mineral fertility and soil biological function.

Thursday August 23rd, 4p-6p
Flats Mentor Farm in Bolton, MA

Monday September 10th, 4p-6p
Revision Urban Farm, Dorchester, MA

Thursday September 27th, 4p-6p
Chockalog Farm in Uxbridge, MA

Participants may bring their own soil test results (from Logan Labs) to receive a free interpretation and analysis. Participants will also have the option of purchasing a DIY soil carbon proxy test kit at cost-of-materials!

Cost: FREE!
(please register for a headcount)

High Tunnel Production & Fertility - Boosting Growth with Balance Beyond Compost

Monday September 24th, 4pm- 6:30pm
Brix Bounty Farm, Dartmouth

Local soil fertility expert Derek Christianson of Brix Bounty farm will cover the specialized fertility requirements of high tunnel soils, with a focus on seasonal transitions and yearly planting rhythms at Brix Bounty Farm. Derek will get into detail on crop-specific nutrient needs, fertigation and foliar applications for tunnels.

Cost*: \$18 (\$24 for non-members)

Hoophouse Production for Permaculture Growers

Sunday October 14th 1pm-3pm
Laughing Dog Farm, Gill, MA

This workshop aims to teach and inspire backyard gardeners and other small-scale growers to design and build their own hoophouses to diversify, extend, and protect seasonal harvests in mercurial New England in an age of climate disruption.

Cost*: \$18 (\$24 for non-members)

Winter Greens Production

Sunday November 11th, 3-5pm

Wishing Stone Farm , Little Compton, RI
Experienced year-round farmer Skip Paul will give a tour of his winter protected culture production systems, with a focus on managing winter greens for profitability.

Cost*: \$18 (\$24 for non-members)

Growing Agricultural Hemp for Flower Production

November/December 2018

Date/ Location: TBA, check

www.nofamass.org/events for updates.

In this workshop, Heather Darby of the University of Vermont will give a detailed presentation on the growing practices for commercial agricultural hemp production with a focus on growing the crop through the flowering stage. Growing, harvesting and processing for both CBD and grain products will be discussed. We will also have a session from MDAR on how to navigate the permitting process and restrictions around this crop.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~
**32nd Annual NOFA/Mass
Winter Conference**

**2019 theme:
"Food As Medicine"**

**Keynote: John Kempf
Regenerative Ag. Expert,
Soil Scientist**

January 12, 2019 (All day)
Worcester State University

*Find updates and details at:
www.nofamass.org/events
And be sure to follow us on Facebook!
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**Add \$5 for "walk-in" registration.*

Yes! I want to support NOFA/Mass

Our work is driven and funded by our members. Join our community of people dedicated to organic food and farming, gardening and landscaping, sharing our knowledge and working together to grow a more organic Massachusetts.

Members receive discounts to the annual conferences, our workshops and events, a subscription to *The Natural Farmer* printed quarterly, our monthly emailed NOFA/Mass newsletter and discounted access to our Bulk Order program.

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Farm/
Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Options:

\$25 Low Income (\$50 - 2 years) *

\$40 Individual (\$80 - 2 years) *

\$50 Family/Small Farm/Org (\$100 - 2years) **

\$75 Large Farm/Business (\$150 - 2 years) **+

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\$250 Supporting (\$500 - 2 years) **

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*** allows member discount to events for 3 people

+ includes listing on our website

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or **join online at www.nofamass.org**!

Policy Work

Working on behalf of ecological farmers and gardeners, we press for needed changes at the local, state and federal levels. Current issues include strengthening national organic standards, incentivizing regenerative growing practices, protecting pollinators from pesticides, and fighting for fair farm taxes. Contact: marty@nofamass.org

Helping Growers Build Soil Carbon

We promote agricultural soil carbon restoration. We have developed soil test protocols to assess how well growers are achieving this. Contact: jack@nofamass.org

Food Access Program

NOFA/Mass seeks to further farming education throughout the state to promote a more equitable and just food system. We are working in economically distressed areas to promote growing healthy and nutritious produce and assist residents with developing healthy soil in their cities. Contact anna@nofamass.org

Organic Certification Assistance

NOFA/Mass can help farms and processors who wish to become certified organic navigate the organic certification process. Contact lauradavis@nofamass.org

Seeking Organic Food & Businesses?

Check out our Organic Food and Products Guide at www.theorganicfoodguide.org. You can also list your farm or business!

Our Mission

We are a statewide community of farmers, gardeners, growers and food activists.

Through education and advocacy, NOFA/Mass promotes organic agriculture to expand the production and availability of nutritious food from living soil for the health of individuals, communities, and the planet.



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Growing Organically since 1982

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membership information***

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who cares about food, where it
comes from,
and how it is grown.**

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