Members Newsletter

Hi Members,

We are thrilled to bring you some exciting news:
Announcing our new Executive Director
Please join us in welcoming Luz Miranda!

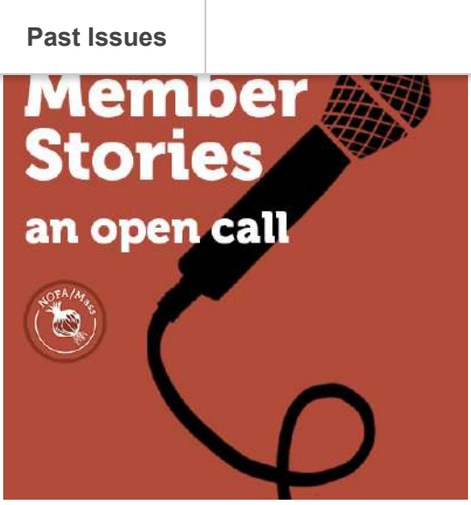


Luz brings more than a decade of experience leading programs that center sustainability and connection. Her leadership opens the door to new possibilities: strengthening our fundraising efforts, and our fiscal health over the long term. She is looking forward to connecting with members in December and in the new year.

In her words:
“I am honored to join the remarkable NOFA/Mass community. This is a pivotal moment for our shared work to build healthy soils, nourish food systems, and ensure equitable access. I am inspired by NOFA/Mass’s unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and soil justice across Massachusetts.

My experience leading mission-driven programs and fostering partnerships grounded in equity will guide my work with NOFA/Mass. I bring to this role a collaborative mindset and a deep respect for the land, shaped by my upbringing. I am committed to honoring the organization’s rich history while helping to cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient future for the next generation of growers and advocates.

The strength of NOFA/Mass lies in the dedication and engagement of its community. I look forward to working alongside you and connecting in the fields, gardens, and community spaces you care for as we grow together toward a healthier and more equitable future.”



to share with us about a workshop, a conference, a cozy day reading The Natural Farmer? We're collecting "Why I'm a member" stories and reflections, and we want to hear from you! Write to membership@nofamass.org with submissions of 200 words max. Accompanying images are welcome too!

A Special call for Farmers: Freed Seed Federation is seeking trial growers throughout the Northeast to join their new participatory breeding program for vegetable varieties - for our region and for our communities. Trialing is a flexible continuum - from growing a few seeds and sending feedback, to actively engaging in on-farm breeding. Find out more and get involved when at the NOFA/Mass Winter Conference this year by visiting the Seed Hub.
Scholarships available for the conference

Regenerative News and Connections

The ADAPT Project has just launched the New England Agroforester: This new quarterly newsletter brings region-wide updates on agroforestry research, practices, events, trainings, funding, and more.

Whether managing farms, stewarding forests, or supporting practitioners and producers through education, advocacy, or consulting, we welcome you to join the community of readers!

To contribute articles, listings, images, suggestions, etc., contact ADAPT'S Communications Specialist, Jess Gerrior, PhD by email: agroforestry@unh.edu.

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Farmers Survey by the Food Systems Research Institute at the University of Vermont

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research study about farmers and their values. The study is titled: “Social values and sustainability outcomes: Measuring social processes in agriculture”. We seek to better understand what values motivate farmers, and how much they are able to make decisions that reflect those values. Your participation is completely voluntary, and your responses will be kept confidential. Completing the survey should take about 30 minutes. At the end, you will be compensated with a $50 gift card for your time. Thank you for your assistance in completing it!

Farmer Survey



Proof and Possibility: Mapping Joy in the Food System

A project to bolster collective food system narratives steeped in joy & stewarded by the UVM Institute for Agroecology.

Contribute to a public map by sharing a quick moment, a life-changing meal, a celebration of soil and community, an individual or community project, or anything outside or between.

By sharing a story to populate the map, you amplify the experiences of connection and delight that support and motivate relationships with the land and each other.

View the map here (scroll down until map graphics are visible)

Contribute to the Map

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The Pfeiffer Center
At Threefold Community Farm

Threefold Community Farm Midwinter Agriculture Intensive 2026: Planetary Influences and the Soul of the Earth
More details about this year's event are forthcoming: Check back soon!

Details: In the heart of the winter each year we pick a poignant theme from Rudolf Steiner's lectures on agriculture and celebrate it with artistic activities, presentations, small and large group discussions, and festive meals!

Contributions from: Michael D'Aleo, Marney Blair, Lisa Bjorn, Mac Mead, Sea-Anna Vasilis, and Jennifer Kleinbach

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Farm Manager at Gaining Ground (Concord, MA)

2026 Farming Apprentice Positions (3) at Gaining Ground (Concord, MA)



Renewal Reminder

December contributions cover a full year's membership for 2026

A heartfelt thank you to each sustaining member, to everyone who renewed early, and a reminder for members who have yet to renew for 2026: **it's time!**

Checks can be sent to:
NOFA/Mass, PO Box 60043, Florence, MA 01062

Membership keeps our work viable! Thank you for your support.

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