

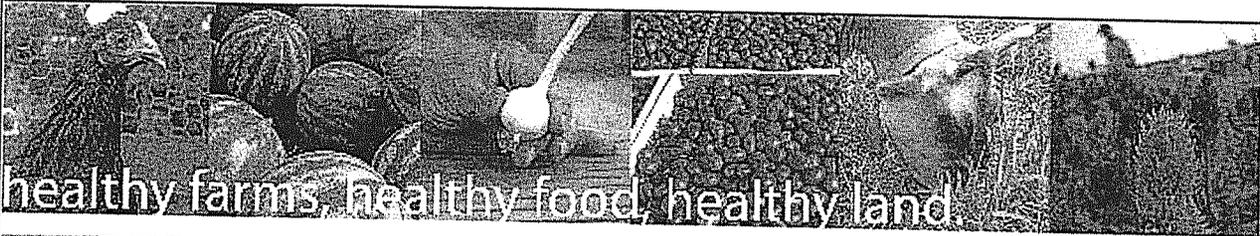
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News from NOFA-NJ
bringing you the latest news about organic food and farming in new Jersey

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Organic Labeling at Farmer's Markets



Farmer's Markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations are great places for customers interested in locally sourced products to find and purchase organic products. Many of these customers appreciate knowing how and where the products that they purchase were grown, and the organic certification status of the farmers.

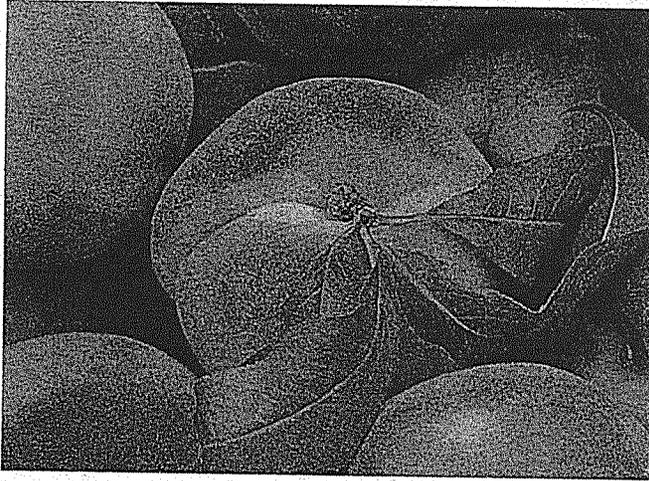


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Farmers and vendors who use the word "organic" to describe their products or practices in the marketplace must comply with the USDA organic regulations. The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) states that no person may affix a label to, or provide other marketing information concerning, an agricultural product that label or information implies, directly or indirectly, that such a product is produced and handled using organic methods, except in accordance with the OFPA.

Most farms and businesses that grow, handle, or process organic products must be certified, with only a few exceptions.

Producers and handlers that sell less than \$5,000 per year of organic products are exempt from certification. These operations may choose to obtain certification but they are not required to be certified.

To read complete article go to: [USDA ORGANIC](#)

NOFA-NJ Offering Members Farm Tours

NOFA-NJ's new "Members Farm Tours" begin in June and will continue monthly through the early fall harvest season. Designed to showcase the diversity of food production on New Jersey's organic and sustainable farms, these tours will provide participants with a unique "behind the scenes"



opportunity to have a one-on-one discussion with the farmer and hear first-hand about the farm operation and day-to-day practices.

Each of these limited tours is an exclusive event for NOFA-NJ members and will offer a unique on-the-farm

New Jersey Farmers for GMO Labels

Tell the New Jersey legislature to protect farmers' livelihoods and the consumers' right to choose by passing S-91/A1359 to require the labeling of genetically engineered (GMO) foods. This measure would give consumers the right to know the story behind the food they eat and protect organic and conventional non-GMO farmers from undue harm.

Please add your farm to this campaign by clicking here: [NJ Farmers for GMO Labels](#) and providing your information.

If you are not a farmer, but would like to add your organization's name to support the effort to label genetically engineered foods in NJ, please sign-on here: <http://bit.ly/NJGMOSignOnNJ>

experience and an opportunity to get to know some very important people in our communities, our local farmers. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More info here: [Members Farm Tours](#)

Pick Up a Copy of the NOFA-NJ 2014-15 Farm & Food Guide

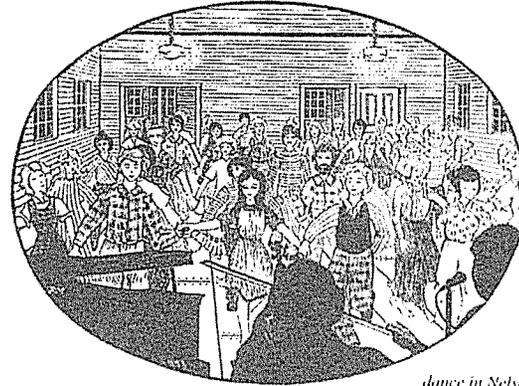
NOFA-NJ's annual membership guide is now available at your local farm stand, farmers' market, Whole Earth Center or favorite health food store. The Guide provides a useful tool to help consumers find organic and sustainably-produced food throughout the Garden State. This year's Guide features many interesting articles on topics ranging from Understanding Organic Food Labels to Biodiversity in Sustainable Agriculture.

If you would like to receive extra copies of the Farm & Food Guide to distribute to your customers please call us at (908) 371-1111.

SAVE THE DATE!

Harvest Dinner

OCTOBER 5, 2014



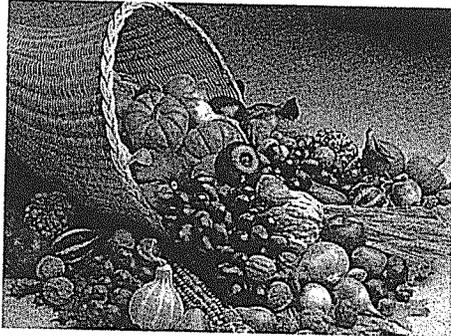
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Summer Solstice Celebration & Contra Dance!

Dust off your dancing shoes! We're holding a Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 28th, at the Incubator Barn at Duke Farms! Don't miss an evening of celebration as we bring in the summer with a barn contra dance! Never been line dancing? No problem! Our callers will be there to help everyone from beginners to expert dancers get into the rhythm and have a great time! This event will be picnic-style, carry-in, carry-out what you will need. The celebration is free but registration is requested. For more information click here: [Celebration and Dance](#).

Upcoming Events

- 6/17 ["Symphony of the Soil" Film Screening](#)
- 6/20 [Production Webinar](#)
- 6/20 [Pollinator Short Course](#)



Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this evening of fantastic food from outstanding area restaurants, live music, local brews and wines and unique auction items.

Interested in showcasing your restaurant, services or products? Have a special item you would like to donate for the silent auction? Contact Nita Melancon at (908) 371-1111 x106 or nmelancon@nofanj.org.

- 6/23 [Members Farm Tour](#)
- 6/24 [Twilight Meeting and Farm Tour](#)
- 6/28 [2nd Annual Summer Solstice Mixer](#)

Click on the event for more information & to register!

Looking for farming experience?

Check out our classifieds for the most recent farm jobs and seasonal farm help employment opportunities.

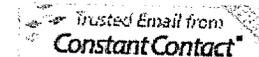
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