

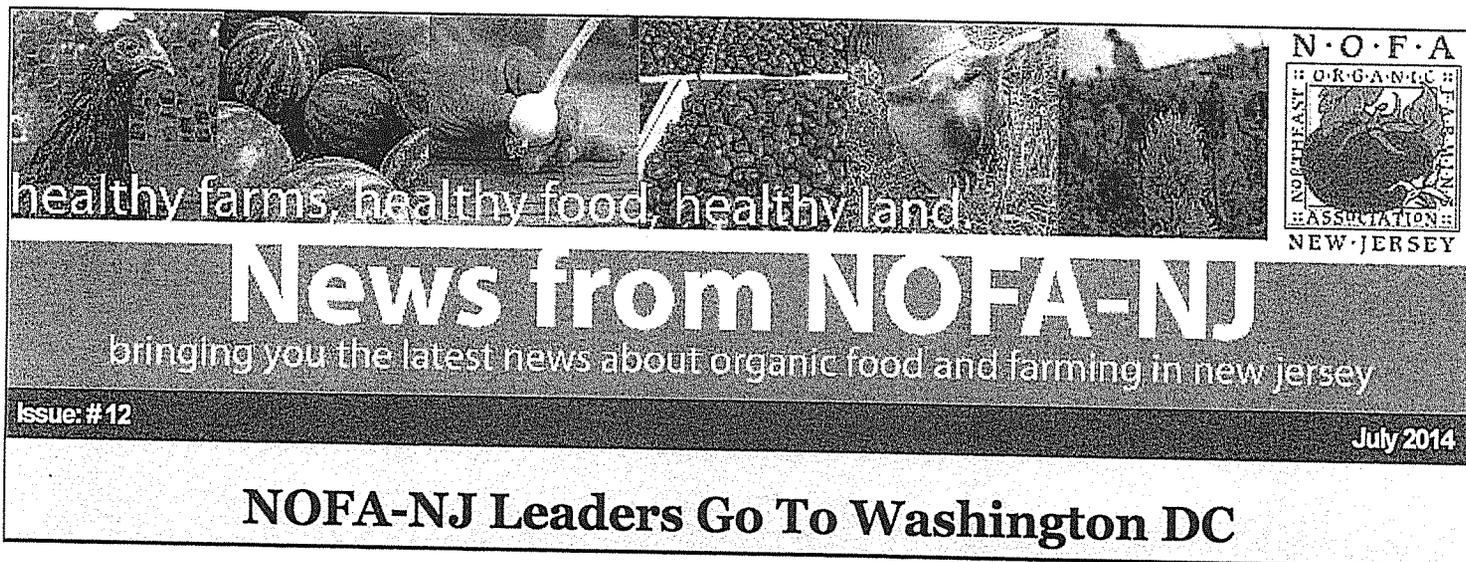
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News from NOFA-NJ
bringing you the latest news about organic food and farming in new jersey

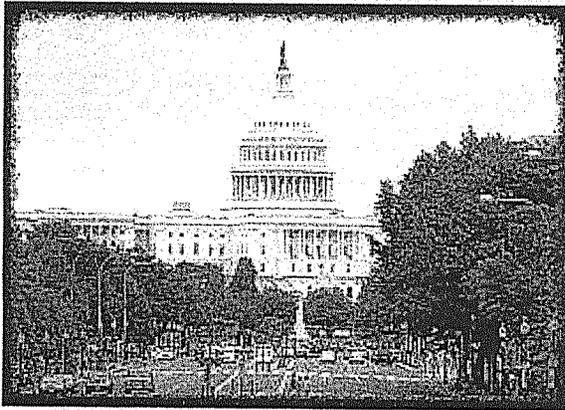
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NOFA-NJ Leaders Go To Washington DC

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To Work On National Policy Issues

NOFA-NJ Executive Director Camille Miller and Board President Barbara Rose spent the week of June 16th in Washington DC with other organic farmer and rancher leaders to discuss forming a national organization to build an effective political voice for organic farmers and ranchers in the United States. Representatives from organic farming and supporting associations from the East, Midwest, Northwest, South, Upper Great Plains and mountain regions representing approximately 1/3 of organic farmers nationwide attended this exploratory meeting. This organization would be a forum where organic farmers can debate and formulate national organic farm policy reflecting the needs and concerns of organic farmers plus represent organic farmer's interests and concerns in broader issues where the voice of the organic farmer is needed or desired.



Mid-week was spent on the Hill speaking with NJ legislatures about the current policy issues affecting the organic community such as the recent major USDA policy changes that conflict with the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA), the GMO contamination issue especially the USDA's proposal to approve 2,4-D resistant crops that would hurt specialty crops in NJ with wind drift and, asking for support of the Defazio-Boxer Bills on GMO Labeling [H.R.1699/S.809] and opposing the Pompeo Bill [H.R. 4432] otherwise known as the Dark Bill which preempts state efforts on GMO labeling, prevents FDA from ever requiring labeling in the future, and codifies the current failed voluntary system in place since 2001. NOFA-NJ also signed on to a petition to disallow the use of the word "natural" on any food product containing GMOs. The week ended with the annual National Organic Coalition meeting where, among the many topics

discussed for action this year was the contamination of grains with GMO properties and the huge economic loss to conventional non-gmo, sustainable and organic farmers; the protection of organic seeds and classical plant breeders and; is there a need for an organic check-off?

CALL FOR RECIPES

NOFA-NJ is looking for recipes to assemble a seasonal cookbook specifically highlighting New Jersey's fresh organic foods. If you would like to submit a recipe to us for publication please send it to nofanjcookbook@gmail.com.

Rules for entries:

At least 50% of the ingredients must be found within 30 miles of the Jersey boarder.



NOFA-NJ is currently working with the NJ Department of Agriculture Jersey Fresh program leaders to release the

Recipes should be made of whole Jersey Fresh ingredients as much as possible.

We reserve the right not to use any recipe we deem inappropriate for our publication.

Include your full name (as you wish it to be published) and farm/business name if appropriate and best way to contact you if there are questions.

Tell us what season the recipe can best be made in.



Upcoming Events

- 7/14 Pest & Disease Identification Workshop
- 7/17 Members Farm Tour - Vernon Valley Farm
- 7/21 Twilight Meeting at Riverine Ranch
- 7/24 Land Lease Networking Session
- 7/24 Members Farm Tour - Genesis Farm & CSG
- 8/14 Members Farm Tour - Headquarters Farm
- 9/14 Organic Orchard Management
- 9/23 Pest Exclusion Fencing Webinar

"Jersey Organic" label. The logo will provide New Jersey organic growers with a better market position and allow them to be more competitive, while providing consumers with the confidence that they are purchasing high-quality, easily identified organic products.

Look for it at your
local farmers markets this summer!

NOFA-NJ Farm & Food Guide

More than a membership directory!

NOFA-NJ recently released its annual Farm & Food Guide containing great articles about organic farming in New Jersey and highlighting where member farms and food related businesses can be found around the Garden State. "The demand for local organic food is on the rise in New Jersey and we are often getting calls from the public asking how to locate certified organic food" says Camille Miller, Executive Director. "Food stores are often out of stock on most organic fruits and vegetables and certified eggs are nearly impossible to locate". In response to consumer needs, NOFA-NJ has released its newest New Jersey edition of the Farm & Food Guide listing members throughout the state where consumers can find locally grown food and highlights certified farmers in each county.

NOFA-NJ is proud to support our farm members and encourages growers to seek certification so consumers can be certain of the purity of the food they are eating. The integrity of the organic label has been called into question recently and NOFA-NJ in partnership with the National Organic Coalition (NOC) and our organic partner agencies, has been fighting in Washington DC to keep the label strict and a market that's hard to penetrate using industrial methods. "We need to keep in mind it's the only food system that takes into account every player in the industry (producers, retailers, consumers, growers, etc.) and holds a mission of transparency and consistency throughout the nation" says Miller.

10/5 [Harvest Dinner](#)

10/11 [Incubator Farm Open House](#)

Click on the event for more information & to register!

To view the Guide online go to [Find Local Food](#)

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