



Community Calendar

eOrganic Webinar: 2022 State of Organic Seed

May 17 | Noon | Online

Every five years, OSA releases the State of Organic Seed report as a progress report and action plan for increasing the organic seed supply while fostering seed grower networks and policies that aim to decentralize power and ownership in seed systems. OSA recently published a third update to this report. This webinar will share the report's findings and recommendations, which are informed by numerous surveys and data sets. **Advanced registration required.** Register now at https://oregonstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dm-fjlgHSMuPdQ65vvXJew.

Cover Crop Variety Showcase

May 18 | 9 – 11 a.m. | Prairie du Sac, Wis.

USDA-ARS Dairy Forage Research Center Farm is hosting this event in partnership with the Cover Crop Breeding Network. Attendees will have the opportunity to rate dozens of new breeding lines and provide feedback on which lines to release this year. The event will also include a hairy vetch breeding nursery selected for soft seed and low shatter. With any questions, please contact [Lisa Kissing Kucek](#) or call 608-234-0352.

Agricultural Tourism: What's Possible?

May 19 | 5 – 7:30 p.m. | \$5 | Belleville, Wis.

Hosted by WFU South Central Chapter. Come learn about the exciting economic development growth potential with the passage of the new Agricultural Tourism Zoning Codes in Green County and what's possible in Lafayette and Rock Counties. Food and drink generously offered by our sponsoring host Hop Garden. Invite your neighbors and area farmers to this open-to-the-public meeting to learn about what's possible. Call 608-636-3999 for more info.

LSP Grazing Group Pasture Walk at Oak Creek Pastures

May 19 | 5 – 8 p.m. | Ossian, Iowa

Hosted by Wisconsin Land+Water and the Savanna Institute. Every final Thursday of the next 3 months, the Savanna Institute will introduce an agroforestry practice and talk more about the ways it can benefit your local land, water and communities. Call Alex at 641-220-6000 for more info.

WI Land+Water Webinars: Making Riparian Forest Buffers Work For You

May 26 | 10 – 11 a.m. | Online

Hosted by Wisconsin Land+Water and the Savanna Institute. Every final Thursday of the next 3 months, the Savanna Institute will introduce an agroforestry practice and talk more about the ways it can benefit your local land, water and communities. Call 608-448-6432 to learn more.

Women's Conservation Summer Camp - Creating Prairie Habitat: Native Grasses and Flowers

May 26 | 12 – 1 p.m. | Online

This summer, the last Thursday of the month, Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WIWIC) is hosting Zoom meetings for women landowners, farmers, and operators to discuss different conservation practices that can be implemented on your land. Go to wiwic.org for more info.

Low Input Pastured Meat Goat Production

May 28 | 12 – 4 p.m. | Dodgeville, Wis.

Join this pasture walk to learn from the hosts, Cherrie and Allen of 1 dr Acres Farm, and other experienced goat producers in attendance. Silvopasture, meat processing plants, rotational grazing, parasite management, and much more will be discussed. Questions welcomed. Sponsored by Wisconsin Meat Goat Association, Junior Wisconsin Meat Goat Association, Michael Fields Ag Institute, Uplands Watershed Group, Compeer Financial, The Savanna Institute, and River Alliance of Wisconsin. [Learn more and register.](#)

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Silvopasture, Oak Savanna, Adaptive Grazing Field Day

June 2 | 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Zimmerman, Minn.

SFA's Silvopasture and Grazing specialists will be co-hosting the event with a cohort of UMN researchers and Refuge staff to share the results of the research here at the refuge on using targeted grazing impact for vegetation management and restoration of oak savanna. There will be additional overview on oak savanna history, restoration and management, as well as discussion and demonstration of adaptive grazing management and prescribed fire. Please come with appropriate outdoor foot wear and clothing for variable weather conditions. Lunch will be provided. Registration required. Call 844-9-CALL-SFA or email info@sfa-mn.org to learn more.

Small Farm Summer Open House - Grade A Gardens

June 5 | 12 - 4 p.m. | Earlham, Iowa

Join the Clasen family and SILT for a joint Garlic Festival and Small Farm Summer Open House. Free and open to the public. Enjoy live music, food trucks and a Landowners Roundtable for those who want to learn more about permanently protecting your land for healthy food farming. Call 319-800-8108 to learn more.

Conservation Innovation Grants: Energy & Water Benchmarking Tools and Best Practices

June 9 | 1p.m. | Online

Hosted by USDA NRCS. Presenters will explain how controlled environment agriculture facilities (greenhouses and indoor farms) can be benchmarked with PowerScore, a free specialized online tool. Contact Jennifer at jennifer.ryan2@usda.gov for more information.

Field Day at Plum Creek Garlic

June 12 | 2 - 5 p.m. | \$5 | Clearwater, Minn.

Plum Creek Garlic has been a featured garlic grower at Minnesota Garlic Festival since 2008. Their mission is to build community while growing great garlic using sustainable means, following best practices including rotation and building soil capacity over time. They harvest approximately 5,500 head each year from their 34-acre farm. Organized by SFA. Call 844-9-CALL-SFA or email info@sfa-mn.org to learn more.



Adding Small-scale Dairy Processing for Farm Diversity

June 18 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Hager City, Wis.

Come and hear Cella Langer and Emmet Fisher share the story of how they started their small, rotationally grazed dairy cow herd and on-farm, Grade A creamery. This field day will include a tour of silvopastures, seasonal milking parlor, and Grade A dairy plant. Learn how the creamery fits into the bigger picture of their farm business CSA model. [Learn more.](#)

Women's Conservation Summer Camp - Enhancing Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies and More!

June 23 | 12 - 1 p.m. | Online

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Rural Resilience and Our Water and Climate Challenges

June 23 | 5 – 7:30 p.m. | Argyle, Wis.

Hosted by WFU South Central Chapter. Join Scott Leaser, Clean Water Wisconsin, and Michael Tiboris, River Alliance of Wisconsin Water, as they discuss this important topic across Wisconsin. Legislative efforts to protect and clean-up our water resources have been limited at best. Join a farm tour 5-5:30 to see the innovative ways the host Scott Leaser has put his knowledge to work on his farm. Call 608-636-3999 for more info.

Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) Energy Fair

June 24 - 26 | \$ | Custer, Wis.

The Energy Fair features all things sustainable with exhibitors, workshops, Energy Professional CECs, live music, inspiring keynotes, camping, food trucks, solar-brewed beverages, and activities for the whole family. Learn more at www.theenergyfair.org/about.

Rising Sun Farm and Orchard Gathering

June 26 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | River Falls, Wis.

Join Wisconsin Farmers Union at Rising Sun Farm and Orchard. See what Ryan Browne and Lindsey Baris have been up to on their organic CSA/market farm- with maple syrup, U-pick apples, cider, meat and veggies - they offer a small farm diversity that many aspire to. Learn about what the Wisconsin Farmers Union is focusing on this year and share your concerns, issues, goals, and hopes for our county and our rural communities. Please RSVP to Emmet at oxheartfarm@gmail.com.

Small Farm Summer Open House - Jupiter Ridge Farm

July 10 | 3 – 7 p.m. | Garber, Iowa

Join farmers Will Lorentzen and Adrian White at their Jupiter Ridge Farm to learn more about growing mushrooms and other veggies. Cooking demonstration, music, farm tour, recipes and more. Organized by SILT. Call 319-800-8108 to learn more.



Pollinator Habitat in Apple Orchards

July 16 | 1 – 3:30 p.m. | Mora, Minn.

Join pollinator biologist Sarah Foltz Jordan of the Xerces Society, and farmers Jim & Debbie Morrison of Sapsucker Farm for a buzz-worthy field day focused on pollinator habitat in an orchard setting. Tour the farm from the perspective of a bumble bee, looking at foraging & nesting resources, protection from pesticides, and the many innovative habitat strategies that Sapsucker Farm has employed. Hosted by the Xerces Society and MOSES. [Learn more.](#)



Crop Rotations on Large-Scale Organic Farm

July 21 | 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Madison, S.D.

Join 2013 MOSES Farmer of the Year Charlie Johnson and his family for their annual field day and bus tour in South Dakota! This year the importance of good crop rotation management in an organic system will be presented by local NRCS agronomist Eric Barsness. [Learn more.](#)

Conservation Practices in an Organic Farming System

July 23 | Free | Wesley, Iowa

Join Sara and Bob Pearson as they discuss corn and small grains and equipment used in their organic system while implementing conservation programs. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa. Call 515-232-5661 or email info@practicalfarmers.org to learn more.

Women's Conservation Summer Camp – Managing Weeds and Pests

July 28 | 12 – 1 p.m. | Online

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Cover Crops & Vegetable Production on an Incubator Farm

July 31 | 2 - 5 p.m. | Lino Lakes, Minn.

Join Moses Momanyi as he introduces you to Kilimo Minnesota, a three-to-five-year training program that includes hands-on organic vegetable farming, marketing and sales experience, group classes, networking with other farmers and one-on-one business mentoring. The program is uniquely situated to give emerging farmers an opportunity to learn vegetable growing techniques and business skills in a new climate, country, and culture. [Learn more.](#)

Weed Control Strategies in Organic Corn and Soybeans

August 2 | Free | Harlan, Iowa

Join Ron and Maria Rosmann and family, and Eric Madsen as they discuss organic weed control strategies using the Buffalo Ridge-Tillage brand of cultivators and planters. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa. Call 515-232-5661 or email info@practicalfarmers.org to learn more.



Gitigaaning Farm & Manoomin Tour

August 20 | 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Cloquet, Minn.

Join us for a tour of these two incredible agricultural sites of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa! Visit Perch Lake to learn about manoomin (wild rice) and the importance of treaties in tribal food sovereignty, including the management, production, and marketing aspects of manoomin. Gitigaaning is a 36-acre farm with a growing dome, orchard, berry patch, pollinator plantings, and 4-acres open to the growers of the Bimaaji'idiwin Producer Training Program. [Learn more.](#)

Cover Crops and Grazing in an Organic System

August 20 | Free | McGregor, Iowa

Join Scott and Shannon Koether as they discuss establishing and grazing legume covers and small grains in an organic system. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa. Call 515-232-5661 or email info@practicalfarmers.org to learn more.

Small Farm Summer Open House – Bee Haven Farm

August 20 | 3 - 7 p.m. | Solon, Iowa

Organized by SILT. See how bees live, enjoy recipes and talk around food from the farm, purchase products, get a farm tour. Call 319-800-8108 to learn more.

Women's Conservation Summer Camp – Tools to Manage Your Land Legacy

August 25 | 12 – 1 p.m. | Online

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First Generation Farm Start-Up

August 27 | 12 - 3 p.m. | Alexandria, Minn.

This field day will highlight the journey of Naima's Farm from the beginning to current transition. Naima Dhore is among the first organic-certified Somali women farmers in Minnesota. Both Naima and her husband will share the challenges they both experienced with land access as an immigrant farmer and share more about their expanding farm business. The day will also include a tour of their organic vegetable production fields. [Learn more.](#)

Bus Tour of the Regenerative Tree-Range Poultry System

August 27 | Free | Northfield, Minn.

Join Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquín and Wil Crombie for a tour of this unique poultry system, and discussion encouraging beginning farmers and diversity, equity and inclusion. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa. Call 515-232-5661 or email info@practicalfarmers.org to learn more.



Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WIWIC) Field Day – NorthWest Region

September 10 | 1 – 4 p.m. | Amery, Wis.

Join us at Blackbrook Farm with one of WIWIC's conservation coaches Ayla Dodge, as she walks us through conservation programs she has implemented on her farm. Registration limited. Hosted by MOSES. Check for more details coming soon at wiwic.org.

Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day

September 14 | \$ | Benton Harbor, Mich.

Helped organized by the Land Connection. Save the date for this important field day featuring the latest in weed control equipment and techniques for your organic farm. Call 217-840-2128 to learn more.

Agroforestry Field Day - Carney Family Farms

September 14 | 2 - 4 p.m. | Maxwell, Iowa

Organized by SILT. Meet Bruce Carney and hear more about how he built his agroforestry system one piece at a time. Learn too about a new calculator to help determine profitability factoring in permanent conservation tax incentives. Call 319-800-8108 to learn more.



Urban Growers Collective Farm Tour

September 17 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Chicago, Ill.

This field day will highlight the journey of Naima's Farm from the beginning to current transition. Naima Dhore is among the first organic-certified Somali women farmers in Minnesota. Both Naima and her husband will share the challenges they both experienced with land access as an immigrant farmer and share more about their expanding farm business. The day will also include a tour of their organic vegetable production fields. [Learn more.](#)

Small Farm Summer Open House - Red Fern Farm

September 20 | 1 - 6 p.m. | Wapello, Iowa

Organized by SILT. What are chestnuts good for? Learn about cooking them, paw paws and more at this open house featuring a cooking demo, farm tour, music and a Landowners Roundtable to learn what it means to permanently protect your land for table food farming. Call 319-800-8108 to learn more.

