

One of MOFFA's primary means of communication with members as well as the general public is our website at

www.moffa.net

The site provides a way to learn about MOFFA—its mission and vision for the future and its history, including annual reports going back to 1992, the year MOFFA was founded—as well as photos and short bios of the members of the governing board, and how to contact MOFFA.

There are of course opportunities to join our free e-mail list or to lend your financial support by becoming a member of the organization, and a chance to see the companies, organizations, and individuals who have provided substantial financial support for our activities in the current year.

One of our activities is the Farm Guide, which is principally available online, although a “snapshot” is published on paper from time to time.

There is an extensive—and growing—section offering organic resources for gardeners, growers, and advocates. The Policy page keeps stakeholders aware of current issues affecting organic production.

We maintain a current list of educational opportunities—workshops, conferences, and webinars—as well as employment and internships, grants and other financial opportunities, occasional opportunities to purchase equipment and supplies from other growers, and available land.

The website also offers archives of Michigan Organic Connections, MOFFA's newsletter, going back to the year of its founding.

About MOFFA

The Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance was organized in 1992 as a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting organic agriculture and the development and support of food systems that revitalize and sustain local communities. MOFFA was one of the first organizations in Michigan and in the nation to actively promote these principles.

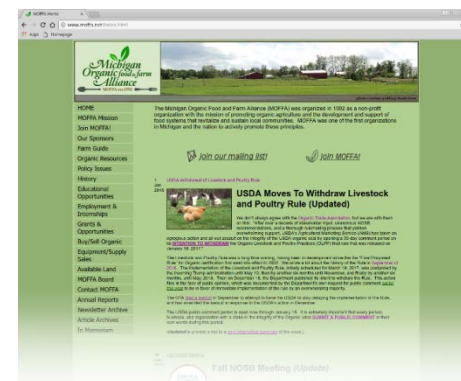
MOFFA welcomes new members to join us and get involved in creating a better food system for Michigan. Our members include organic and other farmers, food coops, educators, environmentalists, food businesses, food and farm activists and concerned citizens throughout Michigan and elsewhere.

Each year MOFFA sponsors and/or exhibits at a number of major conferences and festivals in Michigan, which allows us to reach many more individuals with our limited resources. We publish a Guide to Organic and Ecologically Sustainable Growers and Farms, and monitor public policy issues that relate to regenerative farming. We also maintain a website and a Facebook page, and publish a quarterly newsletter.

All of this activity is made possible by the contributions of our members. If you haven't joined for 2018, we hope you will take a few minutes to lend your support.



What You Can Find on moffa.net



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An opportunity to join our email list – very low volume but rich in information ...

Connect with MOFFA's mission and its vision for the future

MOFFA's Guide to Michigan's Organic and Ecologically Sustainable Growers and Farms

Organic Resources – for consumers, gardeners, farmers, and anyone interested in advocating for an ecologically and socially sustainable food system

News of current legislative and regulatory issues

Educational Opportunities: workshops, conferences, webinars, etc.

Jobs and Internships

A bit about the history of MOFFA and the organic movement in Michigan

Meet MOFFA's Board

The archive of the Michigan Organic Connections Newsletter

Current Events of Interest

and more ...

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16 Sep 2017
Fall NOSB Meeting
The National Organic Standards Board will hold its fall meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, October 31 - November 2. The board intends to discuss organic imports, review sunseting of accepted inputs for organic operations and new petitions, a proposal to eliminate the incentive to convert native ecosystems to organic crop production, and, for the third time, the question of whether to petition for the inclusion of wild rice in the National Organic Standards. We encourage everyone who has a stake in organic production to make their opinions known in advance of this meeting. For more information, see the [Policy Page](#).

27 May 2017
The Organic Movement in Michigan
On May 26, 2017, MOFFA published the book [The Organic Movement in Michigan](#), which contains a wide variety of information: historical summaries of the major organic organizations, reports on various organic activities, and essays about the past, present and future of organic farming. Edited by Maynard Kaufman and Julia Christianson, with contributions from sixteen of those who were a part of the movement spanning the last 45 years.
Wes Jackson says, "Perhaps the best documented history of The Organic Movement generally comes out of Michigan. The writers—practitioners beginning in the early '70s—have cohered to write a comprehensive history of the local, organic, community supported story that de facto can serve as a primer for other states less far along. Sharing of ideas has long been a way of life for the movement so the already seasoned are sure to gain from a reading of this as well."
[The Organic Movement in Michigan](#)

12 Apr 2017
Producing Fresh Milk
The [Farm to Consumer Foundation](#) announces the publication of [Producing Fresh Milk — Goat Edition](#) which joins the previously published [Cow Edition](#). These books are for readers who are interested in starting a dairy to provide fresh milk to families, producers currently shipping raw milk to the dairy industry, but are interested in providing fresh milk to families, or those currently providing fresh milk who would like to explore the possibility of providing fresh milk to their own family. The dairy business, going into about the farm, the art of fresh milk production and ending with about the milk. The can be purchased on the Farm to Consumer Foundations website at <https://f2c-fnd.org/shop/>. Download the poster [here](#).

27 Mar 2017
Let Your Voice Be Heard!
There are a number of issues on the national stage at the moment that stand to have a profound effect on organic agriculture for many years to come. MOFFA strongly encourages farmers, consumers, and everyone who cares about the future of organic to take advantage of public comment periods on the following issues.
Keep the Soil in Organic—The public comment period has ended on the question of whether hydroponic operations should be able to be certified organic. The issue will (we hope) be decided at the Spring NOSB meeting in Denver on April 19-21. For those who would like more information, MOFFA's Chair Dr. John Blumentraum served on the hydroponics task force, and reported on his experience in our [September](#) and [December](#) newsletters.
The Organic Check-Off—The public comment period on this issue ends at midnight on [April 19](#). The "check-off" program would use funds collected from producers and handlers of organic products for promotion and research—it's the program that brought us the "Got Milk?" and "Incredible Edible Egg" campaigns. Again, the vast majority of organic farmers are opposed to this additional "tax," feeling that promoting organic sales now will not increase organic acreage in the US but may well increase demand for lower priced organic imports. The check-off has been strongly promoted by the Organic Trade Association, representing corporate interests, and the public comments are already full of their form letter. There is more information on this check-off at <https://www.foia.gov/document/12-2105-53-1501712-2426>. You can view the proposed rule and submit your comment at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/12-2105-53-1501712-2426>.
The 2018 Farm Bill—The last item we want to mention does not require an immediate response, but we want people to be aware of what's coming. Legislators in Washington have already begun to talk about the 2018 Farm Bill, and given the current climate, there is a real danger that we might lose a major source of support for organic agriculture when this bill becomes law. The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition has been blogging about the hearings on the Hill; the initial report is [here](#), and subsequent posts can be viewed at <http://nsac.sustainableagriculture.net/blog/2017/03/20/>. We encourage everyone who cares about the future of organic to join NSAC's email list or RSS feed, and stay informed. There are opportunities to sign up for the email newsletter and the RSS feed on the left hand side of each webpage mentioned above.

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