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## NOFA-NH E-Newsletter: April 2022

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Dear Friend of NOFA-NH,

Happy Earth Month! Celebrate and reflect on how we can make our planet a more sustainable, just home for all with the many events scheduled around the state, including the [Monadnock Virtual Earth Day Film Festival](#), the [Stonyfield Organic Earth Day 5K and Fair](#), or the [NH Audubon Earth Day Celebration](#).

With the snow finally melted, it feels as though spring has officially arrived. Many of us are busy tending to soil and seedlings as we savor the first delicacies of the season in the form of radishes, tender greens, and fiddlehead ferns. Dive even deeper into celebrating all our state has to offer this spring in the [Indigenous NH Harvest Calendar](#).

Looking for some guidance on spring gardening? We've got you covered with our online ["Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Series](#). Our two final classes will be held on April 20 & May 3. Gardeners can purchase the recordings of prior classes as well as those upcoming.

Our [Farm Share Program](#) applications are open until April 17. We are excited to partner with 10 organic NH farms to offer discounted CSA shares to Granite Staters facing food insecurity. You can check out the [Daily Yonder's](#) article featuring our program [here](#).

We know how much you value organic food and agriculture. Your support is vital to our mission in every season. You can support NOFA-NH all April long by participating in the [Round-It-Up Program](#) at the [Concord Food Co-op](#). You can also:

[Become a member, renew your membership, or give the gift of membership](#)

[Make a donation, or donate to a specific program](#)

[Volunteer with us](#)

Thank you for continuing to help us build resilient, sustainable and just food systems across New Hampshire. We couldn't do it without you!

In Solidarity,  
Team NOFA-NH

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### **Farm Share Program Applications are Open through April 17!**

Applications for recipients are open through April 17 for our 6th annual Farm Share Program, providing limited-income New Hampshire residents with certified organic farm shares at discounted prices. NOFA-NH contributes 50% of CSA costs, participating farmers contribute 25%, and farm share recipients cover the remaining 25%.

[Learn More & Apply](#)



## Attend Our Virtual Organic Gardening Series! Classes Run Through Early May

Our "Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Series is still going, with our final classes on April 20 and May 3. Learn about garden planning, fruit and nut trees, permaculture principles, container gardening, backyard herbs, and raising chickens in this exciting online workshop series featuring instructors Ron Christie, Nicko Rubin, Amy Antonucci, Acadia Tucker, Maria Noël Groves, and Paolamantina Grullón Livingstone. Sign up for upcoming classes or purchase recordings of those you missed. Pricing: \$10 per class, \$50 for the series. NOFA Members save 25%.

[Learn More & Register](#)



## 2022 Bulk Order was a Success!

Thank you to the 29 volunteers who came out to help load 199 customer orders for the 2022 Bulk Order distribution. Together they loaded 3,481 items weighing 102,834 pounds – that's 51.42 tons!

The Bulk Order pick-up sites are donated by three very generous New Hampshire businesses. They receive our shipments, unload the pallets with their forklifts, and safely store our products until pick-up day. NOFA-NH extends a warm thank you to them as well!

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Andover, NH](#)

[Country 3 Corners Weare, NH](#)

[Spaulding Ave Industrial Complex Rochester,  
NH](#)

The Bulk Order Program would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers or the generosity of our pick-up sites. We hope to see you all again at the 2023 Bulk Order Distribution!



## Support NOFA-NH: Round-It-Up at the Concord Food Co-op all April Long

Concord Food Co-op's Round-It-Up at the Register program makes it easy for Co-op shoppers to round their purchase to the nearest dollar and donate the difference to a partnered nonprofit organization of the month. You can support NOFA-NH all April long by rounding up your Concord Food Co-op purchases!

[Learn More](#)



## Get Published in *The Natural Farmer*!

[\*The Natural Farmer\* \(TNF\)](#) seeks submissions for the Summer 2022 issue. Whether you're a farmer, gardener, or activist, they want to hear from you!

This issue's theme is **Animals on the Farm: Livestock & Wildlife**. The submission deadline is May 1.

TNF is looking for all kinds of content, including: technical articles, stories, or interviews, opinion pieces on trending topics in agriculture, book reviews, "Lessons from the Land" - nonfiction personal essays on the theme "That Night," photographs, and seasonal recipes.

[Submit today!](#)

If published in TNF, you will receive a free year subscription to the paper.





## Save the Date: 2022 NOFA Summer Conference August 5-7

The [2022 NOFA Summer Conference](#) is scheduled to be in person at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA on August 5-7. The conference theme is *Decolonizing and Regrowing Food Systems – The Work of Our Time*, and we hope you'll join us to explore this and many other rich topics with your peers.

Organizers feel confident that we will be able to gather in person this August. NOFA has appreciated the expansion of community and accessibility that meeting online has offered us and will continue to offer some workshop material online. Organizers will make preparations during the planning process to shift to a fully online conference if circumstances change.

Registration opens May 2, 2022!



## Apply to Vital Communities' Climate Cohort by April 15

Promote the positive role your farm plays in climate resilience while connecting with fellow farmers as Vital Communities changes the story about farming and climate change in the Upper Valley.

Farms selected for this cohort will gather for farm tours and activities, receive 10 hours of marketing assistance, art/sound story materials for their farm by local artists, and \$3,000 for marketing activities. Selected farms will reach new customers through Vital Communities' traveling Climate Farmer Stories exhibit and help educate the public on the value of ecological farming.

Apply by April 15 to join the [2022-2023 Climate Farmer Marketing Cohort](#).

Question? Contact  
[Nancy@vitalcommunities.org](mailto:Nancy@vitalcommunities.org).



## A Significant Win for the Organic Community: USDA Publishes Final OOL Rule

Since 2016, the Organic Farmers Association, the NOFA's, and many other organic farming focused organizations have been advocating for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to publish a fair and final Origin of Livestock rule for organic dairy. On March 29th the highly anticipated OOL rule was published, which specifies that a dairy livestock operation transitioning to organic, or starting a new organic farm, is allowed to transition non-organic animals ONCE and prohibits organic dairies from sourcing any transitioned animals. This victory would not have been possible without the action of so many organic farmers, organizations, and consumers who sent and signed letters to Congress and the USDA over the years!

[Read More](#)



## Indoor Factory Farms: An Unsettling Trend

Here are two articles offering a deep-dive into a trend that's that could significantly impact efforts to create a more ecologically sound, truly nourishing, and humanly-scaled food system in this region. They document the accelerating push to industrialize vegetable production (using expensive energy inputs, soil-less, hydroponic, and indoor growing) beyond recent centers such as California, Florida, and Arizona.

Read More [Here](#) & [Here](#)



## Monadnock Virtual Earth Day Film Festival

Presented by the MFCC, Monadnock International Film Festival and the Monadnock Food Coop, this virtual film festival will be held as part of the region's Earth Day Celebrations.

[The Monadnock Earth Day Film Festival](#) will take place from April 20 - April 22, 2022. This free online event will feature films and host panel discussions to celebrate and cultivate a more resilient world.

[Register Here](#)



## Learn & Reflect: Advancing Racial Equity in the New Hampshire Food System

Building on momentum from the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge organized by [FSNE](#), the New Hampshire Food Alliance's May Network Café is designed to explore how the Challenge's call to "Learn, Think, and Act" to advance racial equity and food justice is taking shape in New Hampshire. Join in the conversation to hear insights, challenges, and strategies to building a just, sustainable and vibrant food system in our state.

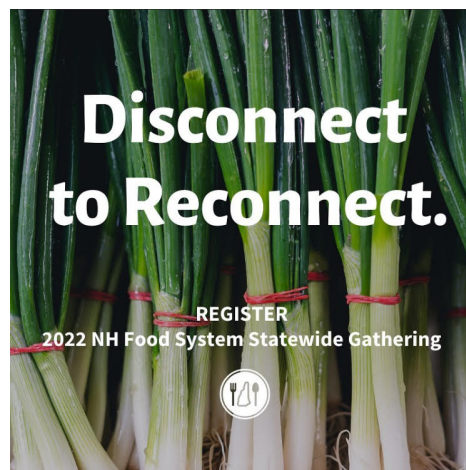
Register [here](#) for the May 6 Network Café at 12:00 PM.



## NH Food System Statewide Gathering

The NH Food System Statewide Gathering is an annual event hosted by the NH Food Alliance that brings together individuals, businesses, and organizations from across sectors who are dedicated to growing an improved local food system that works for all in the Granite State: people, businesses, communities, and the environment.

[Registration is open!](#) The 2022 gathering is planned for May 13 at The Barn on the Pemi





in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

### **Jumpstart to Farm Food Safety Program**

NH produce farmers are invited to apply for a free new program from UNH Extension in conjunction with UMaine called [Jumpstart to Farm Food Safety](#). Participants in Jumpstart will work on their farm food safety plan with an Extension educator, trained in Produce Safety.

For more information and to apply to participate in the Jumpstart program, click [here](#). There are still a few slots available for 2022, and lots of openings for 2023 and 2024.



### **Climate Change: Here, Now, and Soon**

New Hampshire's latest climate assessment is scheduled for publication this spring. It assembles the best current predictions about our state's changing climate including projections for 10 specific locales. Preview the data analysis (and its implications for drought, heat waves, flooding, and vector-based pathogens, etc.) in this outstanding audio-visual presentation from the study's authors, UNH professors Mary Stampone (who is also NH's State Climatologist) and Cameron Wake. It's a science-based call to action at all scales!

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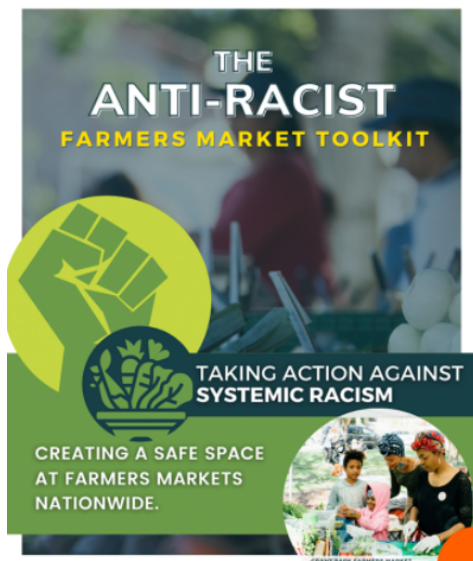




## Anti-Racist Toolkit for Farmers Markets

Developed by the [Farmers Market Coalition](#) in conjunction with [a group of Black food system leaders and experts](#), the [Anti-Racist Farmers Market Toolkit](#) offers ways for managers to reflect the concepts of anti-racism within their farmers market organizations and to make necessary adjustments to the structure, design, and operations of the market itself.

The toolkit is made for farmers market operators everywhere who are ready to start working towards running an anti-racist farmers market.



## ReVision Energy is Looking to Collaborate with Farmers

[ReVision Energy](#) is looking for NH farmers to graze sheep under solar arrays for vegetation management. Sites are in Franklin, Pittsfield, Goffstown, and Conway. Farmers are paid \$350/acre for sheep grazing. Interested Farmers should email [info@nofanh.org](mailto:info@nofanh.org) for more information.



## April Recipe: Pickled Radishes

With spring comes local NH treats. Warmer soil and season extenders like high tunnels make for an abundance of radishes in our region right now. Pick some up from your local farmers market, farm store, or co-op; you can add these easy pickled radishes to salads, tacos, soup, or just enjoy them on their own!

### Ingredients:

- 2 bunches radishes, washed and thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and lightly crushed
- 5 whole peppercorns



- 2 cups vinegar (distilled white or apple cider will work well here)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon honey (you could substitute maple syrup or plain white sugar if you like)

### Preparation:

Combine radishes, garlic, and peppercorns in a clean 1- quart glass jar.

Add vinegar, salt & honey. Cover jar with a plastic lid (or place a small piece of parchment over the mouth of the jar before screwing on a metal lid to prevent corrosion) and shake until salt and honey begin to dissolve.

Refrigerate for at least 2 days. Can be stored in the refrigerator and enjoyed for 3+ months; the flavor will mellow the longer the radishes sit!

### Funding Opportunities

- USDA announced its 2022 Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for the [Value-Added Producer Grant Program \(VAPG\)](#). Electronic applications will be accepted until April 25, 2022; paper applications must be postmarked by May 2, 2022.
- The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) has updated its publication [Farmers' Guide to Applying for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program](#). This free, online guide includes all the information that farmers and ranchers need to know about VAPG to determine if the program is a fit for their operation, including changes made to the program this year.
- Champions of NH Farms is pleased to announce the Champions of New Hampshire Farms Agricultural/Natural Resources Promotion Grant program for 2022. Click [here](#) for more information. Deadline is May 2, 2022.



- Northeast SARE Graduate Research Grant: Deadline April 19th. [Apply](#).

### **Meet Our Members: Andrew Morin of the ReGenerative Roots Association**

NOFA-NH's knowledgeable and passionate members make our organization great. That's why we offer our members with farms and food-related businesses eligibility to be featured in the 'Meet Our Members' e-news column. Each month, we make our community a little closer by introducing you to someone new. Please contact us if you'd like to be featured!



[Read More](#)

### **Welcome New & Renewing Members**

Thank you to our NOFA-NH Members who became new members or renewed their memberships in March 2022.

#### **New Members:**

[French Farms Selects](#), [Winter Street Farm](#), Luke Tanner

#### **Renewing Members:**

[Work Song Farm](#), Julie Dewdney, Frank & Kathy Mitchell

### **Classifieds**

#### **Vegetable Ranch is Hiring (Warner, NH)**

*Posted April 13, 2022:* Vegetable Ranch is looking to hire hard working individuals for their spring and summer farming season. Flexible hours, full and part time positions available, possible housing available. If interested please email [vegetableranch@gmail.com](mailto:vegetableranch@gmail.com) or call (603) 456-2194.

#### **Windswept Farm Is Hiring (Andover, NH)**

*Posted April 12, 2022:* Would you like to work on a farm this season? Learn and bring your knowledge to growing a variety of vegetables and fruits to be delivered to farmers' market. Email [tjgallagher13@yahoo.com](mailto:tjgallagher13@yahoo.com) for more information and to apply.

## ReGenerative Roots Association Seeking Farmland Within One Hour from Nashua

*Posted March 16, 2022:* The ReGenerative Roots Association, a non-profit organization based out of Nashua, NH, is searching for 3-20+ acres of farmland to purchase within an hour drive from Nashua. We have been pre-qualified for financing and are actively searching for potentials. The mission of the ReGenerative Roots Association is to build a resilient local food system in the area through the development of community farms and associated programs at the local high-schools. Since 2017, we have developed diverse farms that involve hundreds of members of the community each year, and our goal is to purchase land so that our programming can continue for generations to come. Please contact Executive Director Andrew Morin any potential opportunities via email or phone: [AndrewMorin@hotmail.com](mailto:AndrewMorin@hotmail.com) and/or [AMorin@ReGenerativeRoots.org](mailto:AMorin@ReGenerativeRoots.org), and (603) 589-9797.

## Grow Your Profits

*Posted March 11, 2022:* Keeping honey bees as pollinators will increase your yield! White Mountain Apiary has everything you need to become a successful beekeeper. We offer online beekeeping classes, honey bees, queen bees, beekeeping equipment and support. Visit [www.whitemountainapiary.com/store](http://www.whitemountainapiary.com/store) or call 603-444-6661 for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

- April 19 — [Equipment Field Day](#), (CCCD)
- April 20 — [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #5: Growing Backyard Herbs for Vital Wellness
- April 20 - 22 — [Monadnock 2022 Earth Day Film Festival](#), (Monadnock Food Co-op)
- April 21 — [Seasonal Foraging](#): Part 1, (Concord Food Co-op & Julieann Hartley)
- April 25 — [BCS Tractor Training](#), (CCCD)
- April 27 — [UNH Master Gardener: Pollinator Gardens](#), (Monadnock Herbal Society)
- May 3 — [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #6: Raising Backyard Chickens (and Eggs)
- May 6 — [Learn and Reflect: Advancing Racial Equity in the New Hampshire Food System](#)
- May 13 — [NH Food System Statewide Gathering](#), (NH Food Alliance)
- June 4 — [Herb & Garden Day](#), (New Hampshire Herbal Network)
- August 5 - 7 — [NOFA Summer Conference](#)

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