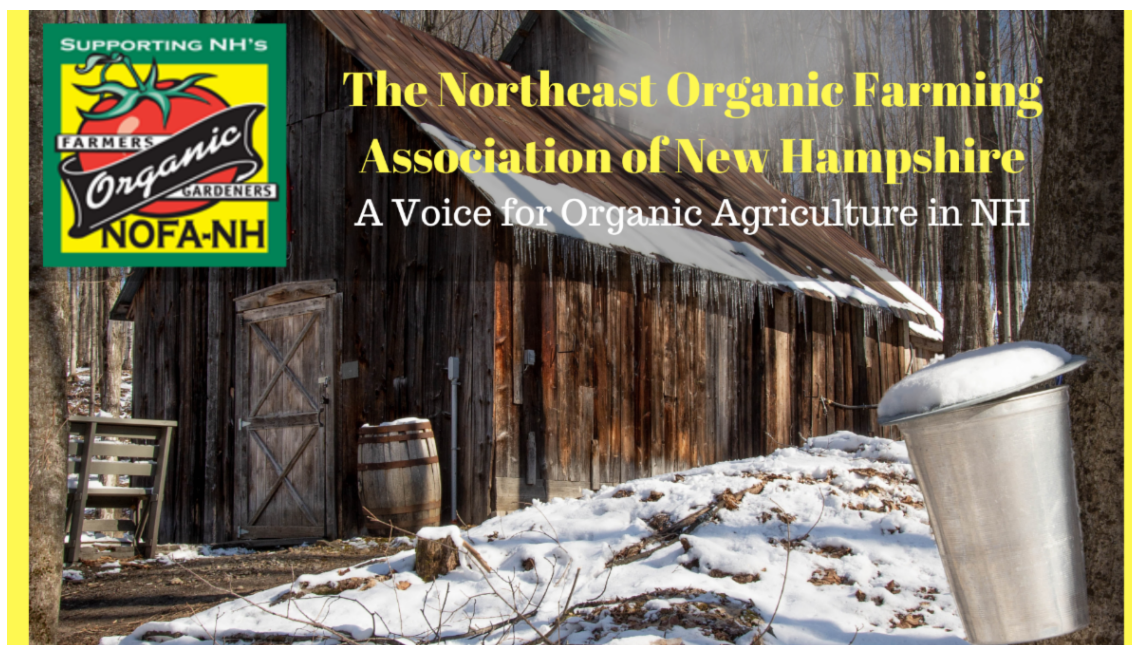


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NOFA-NH E-Newsletter: March 2022

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Dear Friend of NOFA-NH,

There may still be snow on the ground, but spring is nearly here. Savor one of the sweetest gifts this season has to offer – maple syrup – by visiting a [local sugarhouse](#) during this upcoming Maple Weekend, March 19 – 20. You can support your fellow NOFA members and organic maple producers by consulting our [Organic Farm & Food Map](#). Dive even deeper into celebrating all our state has to offer come spring in the [Indigenous NH Harvest Calendar](#).

Bulk Order Customers, don't forget to pick up your order this weekend, March 19 – 20 in Andover, Rochester, or Weare. Please check your email for your assigned time slot for pick up and further instructions about what to expect.

If you haven't signed up yet, we hope you'll join us online over the coming months for our ["Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Series](#). Four more classes are scheduled from March 22nd to May 3rd. Gardeners can purchase the recordings of prior classes as well as those upcoming.

[Farm Share Program](#) applications are opening soon. Please look out for an email from us later this month announcing the opening of applications for recipients.

We are also delighted to introduce you to our two new staff members, Education Program Coordinator Kyle Jacoby, and Marketing & Communications Coordinator Xochiquetzal Berry. Please join us in welcoming Kyle and Xochiquetzal to the NOFA-NH community!

In Solidarity,
Team NOFA-NH

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

Our Feeding the Family Organic Gardening Series is underway, with classes continuing bi-weekly through early May. 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](#)



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Farm Share Program Applications Opening Soon

Applications for recipients will open by the end of the month 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%. The opening of applications will be announced on our website, to our mailing list subscribers via email, and across our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).



[Learn More](#)

Welcome Kyle Jacoby and Xochiquetzal Berry to Team NOFA-NH!

Education Program Coordinator, Kyle Jacoby is an environmental education professional who has worked with nonprofits across the country that are focused on improving our natural and social systems. He has held roles in teaching, support, and program directing for organizations such as Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), Mass Audubon, The Trustees of Reservations, and Tower Hill Botanic Garden. During his career, Kyle built an appreciation for the impact farming can have while teaching and leading farm-based education programs at CVNP, Drumlin Farm (MA Audubon), and Appleton Farms (The Trustees). He believes farming



can change the world and loves getting the opportunity to work with our NH Community to make that a reality. Kyle lives in the Seacoast region of NH.

[Contact Kyle](#)

Marketing & Communications

Coordinator Xochiquetzal Berry is a food systems specialist and certified permaculture designer with a background in culinary arts and sustainable food and farming. In her 14 years of experience, Xochi has worked as a chef, garden designer, permaculture program head, and agricultural educator. Through her life's work, she has become acutely aware of the beneficial impact organic, regenerative, and just farming practices have on our people and planet, and she is eager to help the food loving folks of New Hampshire develop a resilient, equitable, and vibrant regional food system. Xochi lives on an urban homestead in Concord with her husband, daughter, dog, and 7 chickens.



[Contact Xochiquetzal](#)

Rest In Peace Samuel Kaymen and Michael Phillips

This month we are saddened to share the loss of two important figures in our organic community. Both Samuel Kaymen, founder of NOFA and Stonyfield, and Michael Phillips of Lost Nation Orchard and Heartsong Farm Healing Herbs, have passed away. Our hearts are with their families and loved ones.

Samuel Kaymen convened the first NOFA meeting back in 1971, established the organization in New Hampshire and Vermont, and was hugely influential in the organic movement in the Northeast. He inspired so many of NOFA's earliest founders, members, and board members, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to speak with him about the first 50 years of NOFA last summer. Learn more about Samuel's life in the ["Organic Roots" documentary film](#) developed by the NOFA Interstate Council,



NOFA-NH's [Conversations with the Founders Video Series](#), and in [this obituary](#) by The Lincoln County News.

Photo Credit: New Roots Magazine cover taken by Louisa Kaymen.

Michael Phillips was a longtime friend of NOFA-NH, an organic farmer and herbalist, frequent Winter Conference speaker, and author of several well-received works on holistic orcharding and the soil fungal community. Michael was an important and influential pillar of our community, and we are sad to see him gone too soon. If you wish to pay tribute to Michael, or read the memorials of others who knew him, please visit [Lost Nation Orchard's webpage](#). Hear Michael's perspectives on the battle for, and future of, organic during a [panel presentation](#) at our 16th annual Winter Conference, and learn from his wisdom in one of his [many books](#).



Photo Credit: Michael Phillips and Neil Nevins at NOFA-NH's 2018 Winter Conference book signing. Photo by Grace Dunklee Cohen.

The 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge Begins April 4

Sign up for the FSNE annual 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge starting on April 4th! In its 8th year, the Challenge is a great way to learn about the history and impacts of racism on our current food system while inspiring participants with resources and tools to build racial equity in their work and lives. People from all over the country participate in the Challenge, coordinated by the Food Solutions New England network in order to raise awareness, shift attitudes and change outcomes. A Discussion Guide & facilitator trainings are available to support groups doing the Challenge together. Visit the [FSNE Challenge website](#) for more information or to sign up. Challenge participants are also encouraged to sign up for the May 6th [NH Food Alliance Network Café](#) to share your experiences with others on the local level.



Towards a Sustainable Future: The Intersection of Carbon Markets, Land Grabs, Big Ag, Agroecology & Food Sovereignty

In terms of climate healing and social justice, [here's a wide-ranging look](#) at the greenwashing and actual landgrabs that underpin 'Carbon Market' projects worldwide. Learn how these are distracting from the need to stop polluting activities where they happen, and how they're harming time-honored, indigenous systems of relatively sovereign, small-scale food production.

Combine the previous article with this [beautiful short film](#) and you'll be able to better appreciate Big Ag's impact on communities in Africa. Specifically, the film amplifies the voices and situations of the people who are being displaced by internationally-financed palm oil, soy, and other mono-cropped operations growing food for export.

Conclude with an eloquent [20-minute commentary](#) from the UN's Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food, Michael Fakhir. In it, he delineates the symbiotic relationships between agroecological food systems (based on small-scale, diversified, organic food production), food access, social justice, and even climate resilience. This address was presented last month at the People's Forum on the EU-Africa Partnership.



EPA Expected to Continue Neonicotinoid Use on U.S. Farms Despite Known Risks

If you care about biodiversity, eating and/or growing local, small-scale organic foods can help! It's one of the few ways we all can, at present, contribute to the protection of species at risk. Our elected officials should be doing more. Case in point: neonicotinoids are about to be reapproved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Why isn't the collapse of pollinator and marine populations being prioritized by the people who are supposed to guard against such



catastrophes? Do we need to remind them that a healthy biosphere is everyone's business?

[Read More](#)

Hopes for a Fair Farm Bill

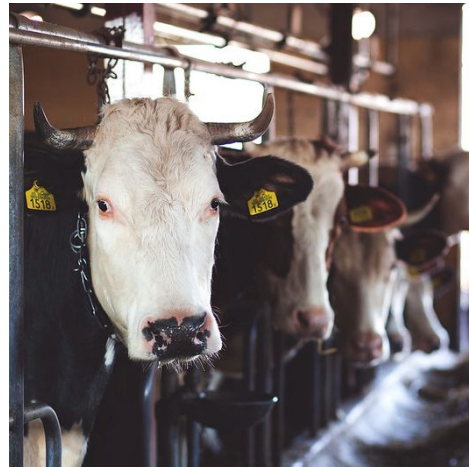
Gene Jonas, of Hungry Bear Farm, who contributes so much to Policy, Education and Outreach at NOFA-NH, was recently asked by [Farm Action](#) to speak out about the 2023 federal Farm Bill which is being drafted this year.

[Catch it here.](#)



What Federally Subsidized CAFOs Cost the Community, Environment, and Human Health

According to current USDA recommendations, 50% of our diet should be fruits and vegetables, yet only 2% of the US's massive agricultural subsidy program / federal public investment is directed towards these important health-sustaining crops - and the farmers who grow them. What programs should our tax dollars be supporting if national food policies (and the resulting food systems) are to actually serve human and environmental health?



[Listen \(or read the written transcript\)](#) as Senator Cory Booker's counsel on food and farming, Adam Zipkin, sets forth his perspective on this critical question. He highlights the maladaptiveness of the industrialized farming model, particularly Concentrated Agricultural Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that exploit contract farmers, farmworkers, domesticated animals, and even the biosphere.

In the context of the NE dairy crisis, many of us think we should mobilize around this fact: that federally subsidized CAFOs (which externalize their costs on vital common resources) are undercutting the market

prices for food from independent, ecologically-responsible meat, dairy, and poultry producers. Let's boycott products from the huge corporations that control the CAFOs. Let's buy directly from local farms and dairies - and encourage our friends and families to do so as well. Let's also support policies (at all levels) that realign public investment with health, fairness, and economic viability for small-scale, relocalized food systems.

Funding Opportunities

- USDA Announces American Rescue Plan Technical Assistance Investment to Benefit Underserved Farmers, Ranchers and Forest Landowners. Webinar for interested applicants hosted on March 24th. [Register.](#)
- Cheshire County Conservation District Monadnock Localvores Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarships for Youth: Deadline March 31st. [Apply.](#)
- Northeast SARE Partnership Grant Program: Deadline April 12th. [Apply.](#)
- USDA Seeks Applications to Improve, Repair or Modify Off-Farm Labor Housing Properties: Deadline April 25th. [Apply.](#)



ReGenerative Roots Association Offers Growing Space at Community Farm in Hudson, NH

The [ReGenerative Roots Association](#) is currently offering growing space at their community farm, located at 50 Griffin Rd. in Hudson, NH. Spaces available range from smaller garden plots to over an acre, depending on need. People growing there will be provided free land, water, and potentially seeds/seedlings while becoming involved with an active farm site that is already tended by multiple community farmers, young entrepreneurs, and students. The only requirement to utilize space at the ReGen Roots Community Farm is that at least 10% of your harvest be



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Association**

donated to the Nashua Children's Home and/or the Nashua Soup Kitchen, places that typically lack access to fresh, locally grown produce.

Interested? Reach out via Facebook, or [email Executive Director, Andrew Morin](#).

Further Learning Throughout the Food System

The Organic Center has released new resources on agrochemicals and pesticides:

- An "Agrochemicals, Environmental Racism, and Environmental Justice in U.S. History" [report](#)
- An "Occupational Pesticide Exposure" [report](#)
- And an "Impacts of Pesticides on Communities of Color" [webinar](#).

The Food Systems Leadership Network is hosting a "Policy and Advocacy for Food Systems Change" virtual series focused on building an equitable and sustainable food system. Four sessions in April. [Learn More](#).



Volunteer with NOFA-NH to Make a Difference in the Organic Farming Community

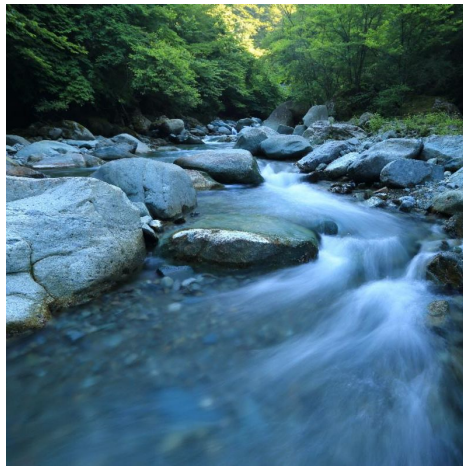
Look what's happening in [Vermont](#)! Anyone interested in working with others to build opportunities like this (and more) for NH farmers? Consider joining NOFA-NH's Ed. and Outreach or Policy Committees. Consider joining the Board. NOFA-NH exists to develop and assist with efforts of this kind. Contact [Nikki Kolb](#) to inquire.



Volunteer Farmer Needed for State Committee Overseeing the Health of NH's Rivers

Here's an important opportunity for one of NOFA-NH's farmer members or supporters to help steward the health of NH's waterways at the state level as well as through their local farming practices. NOFA-NH is seeking to nominate a volunteer representative to the New Hampshire [Rivers Management Advisory Committee \(RMAC\)](#). The RMAC advises on matters pertaining to river management throughout the state. The representative must be a New Hampshire resident and should be a farmer. Representatives serve three-year terms and the committee generally meets quarterly.

If interested, please submit a letter of interest along with a resume or CV to nikki@nofanh.org.



***NEW* NOFA-NH Membership Benefits**

NOFA Members can now enjoy a new benefit: 35% off purchases with [Chelsea Green Publishing](#). Members will receive an email with their discount code early next week. [Contact us](#) if you have questions or have not received your code by then.

We hope you'll [join or renew](#) your membership today!



Meet Our Members: Introducing Stephanie Kelliher and Uphill Farm

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 February 2022.

New Members:

Anam Cara: Flower and Herb Botanicals, Branch Hill Farm, [Callie's Creamery / Bio-Dynamic Solutions](#), [Chestnut Meadow Farm](#), [Clover Meadow Farm](#), [Crows Feet Farm](#), Julie Dewdney, Carolyn Marie Guillette, [Fox Run Orchards](#), [Fresh Start Farms](#), Cheryl Nolan, Old Country Rd Farm, Charlotte Rice, Jacob Sherwood, [The Community Kitchen](#), [White Mountain Apiary](#).

Renewing Members:

Amy Agostino, Peter Bixby, Dina Bock, [Brookford Farm LLC](#), Mary Anne Broshek, [Phil Browne](#), Clapping Trees Nursery, [Coffin Cellars Winery](#), [Concord Food Co-op Organic Gardens](#), Edith Couchman, [Dayspring Farm](#), [Fertile Fields Farm](#), [Foggy Hill Farm](#), Jean Foster, [Grow Nashua](#), [Highwater Farm](#), Shelley Laurie, JD Lavallee, Little Brook Farm, [Monadnock Food Co-op](#), [Mooseview Farm](#), [Nalla Farm](#), Douglas Smithwood, Nancy Voorhis, [Warner Public Market](#)

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ReGenerative Roots Association Seeks Farmland w/in 1 Hour of Nashua

Posted March 16, 2022: The ReGenerative Roots Association, a non-profit organization based in 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. 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 with any potential opportunities: AndrewMorin@hotmail.com and/or 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 or call 603-444-6661 for more information.

Join the Team at Brookford Farm!

Posted March 3, 2022: Brookford Farm is hiring an Assistant Herd Manager, Small Livestock Assistant Manager, Livestock Crew Member, Organic Vegetable Crew Member. Visit our website for more information: [Employment Opportunities | Brookford Farm](#)

SHARA Vineyards is Hiring a Sales Representative

Posted March 2, 2022: SHARA Vineyards is hiring a sales representative from mid-April - October 2022. This weekend position includes running the wine bar and

representing us at the Concord farmer's market. The position is highly independent and high energy, and perfect for somebody who loves good wine and good people! Submit a cover letter and resume to mermaidhillfarm@gmail.com.

Join the team at Kearsarge Food Hub's Sweet Beet Farm (Bradford, NH)

Posted March 2, 2022: We're looking for motivated individuals to fill multiple roles this spring, including Farmer Apprentices (one full-time apprentice or a team of two, part-time) and seasonal farm crew members.

Apprenticeship: <https://www.kearsargefoodhub.org/farmer-apprenticeship> | Farm crew, contact: farm@kearsargefoodhub.org

Assistant Farm Manager – Branch Hill Farm, Milton Mills NH

Posted March 2, 2022: The Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust/Branch Hill Farm is seeking a new Assistant Farm Manager to assist in all aspects of the management and maintenance of the farm property and farm equipment at Branch Hill Farm located in Milton Mills, NH. Skilled and resourceful with an interest in sustainable farming, forestry, and field management are a must. Please see full description @ <http://www.branchhillfarm.org/blog/> or call 603-473-2535 for more information. Resumes can be sent to jared_kane@branchhillfarm.org

Hungry Bear Farm Is Hiring (Mason)

Posted: March 2, 2022: Hungry Bear Farm in Mason, NH grows a wide variety of produce to organic standards. We are seeking enthusiastic people to help with all aspects of farm work including weeding, harvesting, transplanting, washing, storing, bed preparation etc. Pay commensurate with experience. Contact Gene at 978 935-1797 or gene@hungrybearfarm.com.

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Upcoming Events

March 22: [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #3: Incorporating Permaculture Principles Into Your Garden

March 23: [Make Your Land Available for Farming Workshop Series](#), (Land For Good)

March 24: [Farm to School Webinar Series](#): School Composting: The Basics and What to Consider (NH Farm to School)

March 30: [Make Your Land Available for Farming Workshop Series](#), (Land For Good)

April 5: [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #4: Gardening in Containers Both Indoors and Out

April 6: [Make Your Land Available for Farming Workshop Series](#), (Land For Good)

April 7: [We Are Nature, Working: Lessons from Ecology for Social Structure Design](#), (Seacoast NH Permaculture, Co-Sponsored by NOFA-NH)

April 13: [Everybody Eats: Communication and the Paths to Food Justice](#), (Seacoast NH Permaculture, Co-Sponsored by NOFA-NH)

April 20: [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #5: Growing Backyard Herbs for Vital Wellness

May 3: [Organic Gardening Series](#), Class #6: Raising Backyard Chickens (and Eggs)

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