

# MOFFA Activities

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Michigan Organic Connections*, our quarterly newsletter.
- *The Farm Guide*, MOFFA's guide to Michigan's organic and ecologically sustainable growers and farms, both online and in print.
- *The Organic Movement in Michigan*, a look at the past, present, and future of organic, written by some of Michigan's organic pioneers.
- Fact sheets and other educational materials directly related to farming and food systems.

## PARTICIPATION

- Promotion and support of research projects related to organic agriculture.
- Environmental Organizations.
- MOFFA Policy Committee—A voice for our organization's members to champion and advocate for organic practices with legislatures, governmental officials, and the community at large.

## EVENTS

- Organic Intensives, an annual in-depth education event hosted and presented by MOFFA.
- Participation through exhibiting and outreach at all major Michigan food related conferences and festivals.

## EDUCATION

- MOFFA volunteers are available to answer any questions posed by the public.
- MOFFA can assist with organic certification problems and cost share information.
- The MOFFA Website, [www.moffa.net](http://www.moffa.net), provides news, pointers to organic resources, information on educational, employment, internship, grants, and available land opportunities, and more.

# Why Michigan Organics?



**FRESHNESS and TASTE.** Local farmers raise organic foods for taste and quality, not primarily for durability in harvest, shipment or storage.

**NUTRITION.** Nutritional value declines with the passage of time. Increased access to fresh, locally grown foods from biologically active soil maximizes the nutritional value.

**COST.** Our globalized food system delivers food at historically low prices, but it costs more than you think. We all pay the price when farmers can't grow crops at a profit, when water wells are contaminated by agricultural chemicals, and when store-bought foods look good, but are tasteless. When you buy local, organic foods, you get more for your money.

**AVOID THE UNKNOWN.** Produce grown with banned pesticides is imported into the United States. Most conventional meat comes from animals raised in confinement and fed hormones or antibiotics. When you buy certified organic, or know your farmer, you can be sure you're getting food that is free of toxic chemicals and not genetically engineered.

**REGIONAL FOOD SELF-RELIANCE.** Dependence on distant and global food sources leaves us vulnerable to supply disruptions. When you buy foods from local farmers, you create a relationship of mutual support that enhances a community's economic vitality, and keeps family farms alive.

**PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND YOUR HEALTH.** You can protect our natural resources, our environment, and your health by choosing local, sustainably grown foods. Building soil organic matter improves water absorption, retention and cycling, promotes carbon sequestration, and positively affects other factors impacting climate change.



*Promoting organic agriculture and the development and support of food systems that revitalize and sustain local communities.*

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# About MOFFA

**MICHIGAN ORGANIC FOOD AND FARM ALLIANCE (MOFFA)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally sound and socially just organic food and farming systems. Since 1992, MOFFA has been promoting public awareness of the need for decentralized, secure, unadulterated, and humane methods and programs to nutritionally feed *all* of us. MOFFA was one of the first organizations in Michigan, and in the nation, to actively promote these principles.

**MOFFA** is an all volunteer organization with membership from throughout Michigan and the Midwest. Our membership comes from people in villages, cities, and farms. We are comprised of people from every sector—agriculture, education, government, retail and wholesale business, food processing and distribution, environment, industry. Our most important member is the consumer and eater of good food, which we all are!

**MOFFA** needs perspectives from every segment of the population to lend credence to our vision for a just and healthy food supply.

**EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY** are the tools MOFFA uses to raise awareness. We encourage farmers to use organic methods to improve the production and availability of organically locally grown foods. MOFFA supports direct grower-consumer relationships, community supported agriculture (CSA), value-added farm enterprise, local farm markets, and cooperatives—all ways to keep food local and more accessible—with a vision of long-term stable food systems.

# Your MOFFA Membership

**BY JOINING MOFFA** you will become part of an organization that values your individuality and supports whatever level of commitment you are comfortable with. We have much to offer one another.

**THROUGH MOFFA** you can stay connected to information and events. Learn more about what organic means and its vital importance in our communities. Participate in events to promote the importance of local organic. Collaborate to make a difference in local food systems in your community. Provide financial sustainability for MOFFA to continue our work supporting and developing viable food systems. Work to strengthen our small farms and beginning farmers who will provide the diversity and substance for our future abundance.

**MICHIGAN ORGANIC FOOD AND FARM ALLIANCE**—just regular folks of our great state, and its wonderful agricultural heritage, working together for the health and happiness of all. Join us, and become an integral part of the solution.








Photo courtesy Nodding Thistle Farm, Nashville, MI

# Join MOFFA

Register online at [www.moffa.net](http://www.moffa.net) or complete the form below

## MOFFA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

-  MOFFA Newsletter *Michigan Organic Connections*
-  Notice of meetings, programs, and related events
-  Network with like-minded individuals
-  Notice of farm policy issues
-  Discount on publications and events
-  Support the growth of organic practices in MI

## MOFFA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES:

- \$20 – Low Income/Student
- \$40 – Individual/Family
- \$60 – Business/Organization \$60,000/yr or less
- \$100 – Business/Organization over \$60,000/yr
- \$500 – Lifetime Individual/Family

## YOUR INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Farmer  Certified Organic  yes  no
- Gardener  Consumer  Student  Educator
- Food/Farm Related Business  Non-Profit

Make checks payable to **MOFFA**

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Membership is on a calendar year basis.

Thank You For Joining Us!