

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Session I – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

An Organic Approach to Farm Policy

Scott Marlow, Long Rows Consulting

One of the core values of organic and sustainable agriculture is holistic problem solving. We dig into understanding pest and predator dynamics, the role of soil in plant health, and underlying causes rather than symptoms. But when we talk about agricultural policy and programs, we often revert to an industrial approach. This often leaves farmers feeling like they are swimming upstream against a series of forces that they can't see and can't quite identify. As we head into the 2023 Farm Bill, it is important to step back and understand the underlying frame of U.S. farm policy, and how that frame determines the structure of the "stream," the future of agriculture, who does and does not get to farm, and how. But before we engage, this session will look at the big picture, often unsaid, dynamics of the farm bill process, the industrialization of U.S. agriculture, and a systems approach to making change.

2021 National Organic Research Agenda: Understanding Organic Grower Needs and Challenges Across the U.S.

Thelma Velez, Organic Farming Research Foundation

The Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) regularly surveys organic growers, farmers, and ranchers across North America to understand their challenges and research needs. We use these findings to publish the National Organic Research Agenda (NORA) report. The NORA report informs OFRF research, education, and advocacy

programming, and has also historically served as a critical roadmap to inform the USDA and Congress on how to leverage public investments in organic research and technical assistance. In 2019, OFRF surveyed over 1,000 farmers and held 16 focus groups with both established certified organic growers and transitioning growers. In this workshop and listening session, we will summarize the overall findings of the most recent NORA report and present the unique needs and challenges for BIPOC farmers and beginning farmers. Then, we will open the floor for dialogue with the audience to hear more about future needs within organic production systems.

Rural, Urban, The Moon, Mars: The Basics of What Is Needed

Jim Bruner, Mezzacello Urban Farm

Urban farmer Jim Bruner has developed a unique system to grow fresh vegetables without weeds using diatomaceous earth. Join Jim for a detailed look at his system, how he developed it, and how it allows him to feed himself from his half-acre urban farm in Columbus. Jim will discuss how compost, soil, dirt, microbiology, and technology can deliver yields reliably-even on Mars!

Decision-Making Made Easier: A Step-By-Step Process for Evaluating and Planning for a Smoother Season

Taylor Mendell, Footprint Farm

What's more important: having a quarterly sit-down with each of your employees, making invoices, or writing a CSA newsletter? Fixing a rip in high tunnel plastic before today's storm hits, harvesting to get a restaurant order out on time, or running to the bank to make a deposit before your next payroll drains your checking

account? If you're like most farmers, at some point you've reached a place where everything on the to-do list feels urgent, it seems impossible to get through it all, and decision-making fatigue starts to set in. After hitting this point over and over again, we sat down and created a system that helps to organize priorities, set goals, assign and manage employee tasks, and simplify decision-making. In this workshop, you will get an overview of this system, which is flexible enough to fit any business, and real-life examples of how it can help make your next year a little bit easier.

The Future of Organic Grain Farming

Jim Jacobs, John Jacobs and Son LLC, Angela and Jason Schriver, Schriver Organics LLC, Dave Shively, Shively Farm

How Food Producers Can Be Climate Heroes

Seth Itzkan, Soil4Climate

Seth Itzkan, cofounder and co-director of Soil4Climate Inc., will explain the science, policies, practices, and paradigm of soil restoration as a climate solution, and the essential role that food producers of all types, including ranchers, can play in this noble task.

Shmita: An Ancient Call for Agricultural Rest and Reconciliation

Jodi Kushins, Over the Fence Urban Farm

According to Jewish mythology found in the Torah (aka the Old Testament), when the ancient Israelites entered the Holy Land, they agreed to take an agricultural sabbatical every seven years. As we face modern threats of climate change and historical truths about land theft, Jewish environmentalists in Israel and

around the world are finding inspiration in shmita, Sabbath for the Land. But these lessons are not for Jews alone. Join this workshop to learn the history of these practices and ways to apply them to your contemporary labors.

Shaking the Federal Money Tree

Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

Experienced grant writer Margaret Krome will discuss how to use federal programs to support sustainable agriculture initiatives. This workshop will introduce you to designing a project, finding federal grant opportunities to support it, and basic do's and don'ts to maximize grant-writing successes. This session encourages audience engagement and provides clearly-written handouts.

Session II – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Black Culture and Green Thumbs

Yolanda Owens, Forage + Black

When you think of a farmer, what comes to mind? Join Yolanda Owens to discuss how society has molded our perceptions of farming, and how to support the changes that need to happen to make it inclusive and accessible to all.

USDA Midwest Climate Hub: Agricultural Tools and Information for a Changing Climate

Dennis Todey, USDA Midwest Climate Hub

Using Insect Habits for Pest Management

Branden Schmurr, Healthy Hills Farm

Studies have shown that having diversity when planting can lessen pest damage, but the exact reasons have not been well understood. Join Branden Schmurr to talk about some of the theories out there, what he experimented with at his farm, and how to better understand how pest insects work to help keep them out of your garden.

Recordkeeping for the Busy Farmer: Tips and Tricks for Keeping the Records you Need in Ways that Work for You

Taylor Mendell, Footprint Farm

Farm businesses come with paperwork. Lots of it. Much of it is necessary and required by regulatory agencies that each require different documentation. This paperwork is especially important if you are filing taxes as a farm, and increases based on the number of employees or contractors working for you. Some paperwork is voluntary, or required for certifying bodies, grantmaking institutions, or research projects. And even more paperwork is completely optional but helpful in understanding how your business is doing. In this workshop, we will go over the different records that you, as a business owner, are either required or may want to keep on hand. We will also go over different methods of recording and organizing these records that will make it easier to find them when needed. Taylor has over a decade of experience organizing paperwork and bookkeeping for various types of businesses, from a boat rental agency to a yoga instructor school to her own farm. She has also worked with different personalities, learning styles, and organizational mentalities to design systems that work.

Marketing Your Organic Crop Rotation Through the OFARM Family of Member Co-ops

Carmen Fernholz OFARM, Scott Friedman and Dan Martinek Midwest Organic Farmers Co-op

Heritage Turkeys: More Than a Holiday Meal

Shelly Oswald, Old Time Farm

Heritage turkeys are so much more than a holiday meal. They can naturally mate, meaning you can reproduce them on-farm. Their ability to live a natural lifespan expands the range of products you can market to include table eggs, hatching eggs, broodstock, young broiling turkey, holiday turkey, smoked turkey, mature turkeys for the table, and cut-up products. Learn about the pros and cons of raising these amazing birds, and how you can take turkeys from a holiday meal to a year-round enterprise.

Top Flowers and Herbs for Optimal Health and Ecological Benefit

Barbara Utendorf

Flowering plants and herbs contain important nutrients and compounds valuable in supporting our optimal vitality. On top of this, they bring a variety of advantages to the environment. The key benefits of top flowers and herbs and will be presented in this session.

Analyzing Data You Already Have to Help Your Farmers Market Thrive

Jaime Hadji, Ohio Farmers' Market Network, Christie Welch, OSU Extension, Dar Wolmack, Farmers' Market Coalition

This session will show farmers market managers and vendors the tremendous amount of usable data they have at their fingertips. Jaime Hadji,

Christie Welch, and Dar Wolmack will share practical ways and examples from around the U.S. of how markets and vendors can analyze that data for improving their businesses. For those markets that do not currently collect data, speakers will show practical examples other markets have employed for sound decision-making, growing community, and helping their markets and vendors thrive. Hear from Farmers Market Coalition's market support director, Darlene Wolnik, about their decade's worth of data collection and how it has helped markets thrive.

Session III – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

How Should Organic Grow?

Patty Lovera, Organic Farmers Association

The idea of government support to get more farms to go through the organic transition process is receiving a lot of attention in Washington, D.C. Join the Organic Farmers Association for a discussion of the best ways for federal policy to support the transition of new farms into organic, including increasing the diversity of the organic sector, and how to make sure existing organic farms can thrive as the organic sector grows. Bring your ideas for policies to support organic and learn how to make your voice heard in the farm bill process.

Can Farm Work and Farm Life Really Balance? A Discussion with Farmers and Service Providers About Managing Stresses Big and Small

*Taylor Mendell, Footprint Farm, Kelly Cabral,
The Ohio State University*

It is no secret that farming is a tough business. It's physically, emotionally, and financially draining, is reliant on the willpower and fortitude of its owners and managers, and is governed by markets, regulations, and weather beyond our control. This discussion will be led by Taylor Mendell, a farm owner and mother who has worked through diagnosed anxiety and OCD disorders and created systems to help reduce stress on her own farm, and Kelly Cabral, a rural mental health advocate and service provider. We will work through short activities together, discuss strategies that have worked on each other's farms, and provide resources for local mental health services. Participation is not obligatory; we'd love to see you in whatever capacity feels right.

Top Ten Diseases of Backyard Poultry

Tim McDermott, OSU Extension

Backyard poultry keeping has been increasing in popularity over the years with an explosion of interest during the pandemic. Keeping backyard poultry can not only be rewarding, but also reassuring with the personal and family food security it provides. In this session, we will learn how to identify and prevent the top ten diseases of backyard poultry to ensure your flock is healthy and productive.

Growing Brambles in High Tunnels

Dana Hilfinger, CSU Extension

Marketing organic berries in Ohio is easy; growing them can be hard. High tunnels can help make growing berries that much easier, enabling pest exclusion, higher marketable yields, and protection from early and late-season frosts. What's not to love? Dana Hilfinger will go through the benefits and drawbacks of growing berries in tunnels,

considerations for doing this on your own farm, and the economics of tunnel production.

Jeff Schahczenski, NCAT

Stepping into Food Grade Grains

Harold Wilken, Janie's Farm Organic

Direct Marketing Strategies for Small Cooperatives or Farms

Lori Nethero, Buckeye Valley Beef Co-op

Join this discussion on the effectiveness of different advertising channels and how they worked for a small agricultural cooperative. Lori Nethero will compare the effectiveness of Google, Facebook, billboard, and radio ads for Buckeye Valley Beef Co-op and share findings. You will leave with a better understanding of marketing strategies to implement in your own business, as well as next steps.

Creating an Urban Edible Perennial Food Forest and Wildlife Habitat for Self-Sustainability: Permaculture in Practice

Diane Kadonaga, Sunny Glen Garden

Not much sun to garden? Select perennial food forest plants that mimic nature's forest edge to grow in smaller urban spaces, all while producing enough food to be self-sufficient. See how to incorporate native plants and create habitat for pollinators and birds, enhancing food production and helping manage pests organically. This session will discuss how permaculture principles are applied to reduce flooding, save resources, and make accommodations for climate change.

Organic is Risky? Progress and Challenges of Crop Insurance for Organic Farmers

This workshop will review the rather recent history, opportunities, and challenges of accessing high quality crop and livestock insurance for organic and transitioning to organic farmers and livestock producers, exploring ways to assess insurable risks in your county and state. Topics include revenue versus yield risks, Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP), specialty crop insurance issues, and the benefits of a contract price addendum for those who contract the sale of their production. Relevant and close to home examples will be explored.

Session IV – 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Winning a Better Food and Farm System

Ava Auen-Ryan and Heather Dean, OEFFA

At the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA), we believe people deserve vibrant communities where people and the planet thrive. Every day, OEFFA members and supporters work together to build healthy soils, resilient farms, and strong communities. At this workshop, we will dig into how we build our people power, shift the dominant narrative surrounding agriculture, and win real, tangible victories that improve our food and farm system for people and the planet! We will walk away from this workshop with concrete steps to take collective action in real time, the next week, the next month, and into the future.

Transformation of Agriculture Through the Lens of George Washington Carver

Jim Embry, Sustainable Communities Network

Using the life of George Washington Carver as a lens, this session will explore his philosophy and teachings at Tuskegee Institute for almost 50 years, and show their relevance for our work today. With an overview of the profound shift in our philosophical world view from Carver, Jim Embry will delve into how our practical skills, practices, and rituals guiding our food and agriculture system are then more justice-centered. You will find connections with quantum science, Indigenous culture, and spiritual teachings that serve as a guide for our work of transformation.

Growing Food Year-Round for Your Community: Building and Sustainably Operating a 12-Month Online Members' Choice CSA

Alexander Ball, Old City Acres

Operating a year-round farm business takes careful planning, investing, and execution. Learn the logistics, systems, and principles you need to manage a vegetable farm profitability 12 months out of the year; from distribution and crop selection to marketing and community building.

Planning Your High Tunnel: Construction and Site Considerations

Kayla Preston, Grow Appalachia

This session will dive into a 3-part journey of how to plan and select a high tunnel site/location, structural considerations, irrigation, and other systems that will best fit your growing needs. Topics include orientation, site drainage, selecting the tunnel for optimal performance, the reality behind hiring versus building it yourself, and the potential for irrigation systems that a grower will want to

think about before committing to a large investment on the farm.

Organic No-Till Soybeans and Corn: Things to Know Before Trying

Léa Vereecke, Rodale Institute

Not all cover crops can be terminated with a roller crimper, and not all crops can withstand the highly competitive environment of a rolled-down mulch. Planting soybeans in rolled-down cereal rye is the most researched and implemented system when it comes to roller crimping in the Midwest. During this presentation, Léa Vereecke will cover all the important details that make or break the system and talk about how to integrate it in a rotation. The discussion will also include practices that have been tried with no-till corn into rolled-down cover crops.

Sell the Whole Animal: Maximizing Livestock Carcass Cut Outs and Values

Rebecca Thistlethwaite, Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network

Are you leaving money on the table and discarding part of the animals you raise? Learn how to get the most meat and value out of different livestock carcasses, including beef, hogs, sheep, and goats. Rebecca Thistlethwaite will consider how to use and sell the other animal parts, including bones, fat, offal, heads, horns, and hides. Review sample cutting instructions and learn how to collaborate with your processor to get what you need.

Turning Worry into Action: Three Practices You Can Use to Stay Grounded on Your Farm and Connected to Your Community

Fiona Doherty, OSU College of Social Work

Occupational stress and worry are familiar to all farmers. It is normal to feel unsure about strategies or tools that can bolster your health and well-being. In this workshop, Fiona Doherty will take a 3-pronged approach to leveraging well-being among farmers at the individual, community, and broader systemic levels. You will learn mindfulness skills to stay sharp and grounded. You will also complete an individualized mapping activity as a way to examine and strengthen your social support networks. Lastly, for the sources of stress that are larger than us and result from structural factors, you will learn about advocacy efforts and opportunities to leverage your voice.

Doing What We Need by Hacking What We've Got: Appropriate Technology Case Study to Irrigate Compost Windrows with a Skid Steer Controls

Dan Divelbiss, North Hadrian LLC, Nathan Rutz, Rust Belt Riders

The compost windrow waterer is an open-source project by Dan Divelbiss and Nathan Rutz to enable small and medium scale composters to modify the moisture content of their windrows while turning. During this session, you will learn about the benefits of compost moisture control, how to build the compost windrow waterer, and how to integrate with large equipment (i.e. skid steer) on-board controls to design and build implements to meet your own needs on the farm.

The Value of Networking

Leon Wengerd, Green Field Farms

Networking and relationships are a critical component to the Amish way of life. It is interwoven in the social fabric of farming,

business, and community. Come learn and glean ideas on how to create your own network of farming or business partners in this session.

Session V – 1:00-2:30 p.m.

The Critical To-Do List for Organic Agriculture

Colleen Hanley, ASU Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems

Colleen Hanley will feature a video around all 46 recommendations included in ASU Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems' "The Critical To-Do List for Organic Agriculture," followed by a focused dive into some of the specific recommendations. The workshop will end with what we can all do to hold the current administration responsible for all 46 recommendations and a Q and A.

Practical Insurable Risk Assessment for an Era of Climate Disruption

Jeff Schahczenski, NCAT

Between 1989 and 2018, \$25 billion dollars were paid to Ohio farmers for insurable losses at a public cost of over \$680 million dollars. The primary insurable causes of losses for Ohio during this period were drought, too much precipitation, and decline in price. The long-term trends of such losses have been increasing and may further increase because of extreme weather events and future climate disruption. This practical workshop will explore and demonstrate in a case-study format two online tools, the AgRisk Viewer and the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) crop insurance premium cost estimator, so that you will have a means to better understand the historical cause of insurable loss in your Ohio county.

Growing Food Year-Round for Your Community: Crop Planning and Techniques for a 12-Month Harvest Season

Alexander Ball, Old City Acres

Extending your season and the amount of food your farm produces in any capacity is crucial in today's modern market. Learn the techniques, planting dates, varieties, and resources it takes to supply food year-round to your community in this session.

Strawberry Strategies

Justin Duncan, NCAT

By now many have heard about the farmer that traded in growing hundreds of acres corn for a couple of acres of strawberries and made more money. However, strawberry production is a bit more intensive than growing corn. Is it right for you? Strawberries require specialized equipment, handling, and storage which can be a significant investment. What's needed to be profitable growing strawberries? What strategies best fit your operation and at what scale? Join this conversation about how you can practically integrate strawberry production into your activities.

Using Cover Crops in Organic Farming: Seeding, Crimping, Managing

Jim Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Cover crops can not only improve soil fertility and pest management, but also pollinators, beneficial insects, soil structure, and water quality. This discussion will explore cover crop species selection (seeding rates, timing), seeding methods (broadcast, drill, inter-

seeding), and management (crimping, harvesting, etc.).

Diversifying Your Farm Through Livestock Integration

Paul Dorrance, Pastured Providence

Diversity is a linchpin concept for regenerative agriculture, allowing farmers to mitigate risk, augment income streams, and capitalize on symbiotic relationships. Both ecological and economic benefits are ripe for the harvest, yet animal agriculture is often completely overlooked by fruit, produce, and grain growers, and plenty of single-enterprise livestock ranchers stand to benefit from multi-species synergies as well. In this workshop, discussion will focus on how to leverage animal impact within your existing operation and how to properly account for multiple income streams by applying the principle of diversity through livestock integration.

Rooting for Old Time Genetics

Ronda Clark, Blackberry Sage Farm

Saving vegetable seeds is a lost art. What was once a normal part of the process of sustainable living has been given over to the big seed companies. In this session, you will learn the basics of how to save seeds, cross pollination issues, resources to help improve the skill, and why it is important for our resiliency as individuals, families, and communities to save our own seeds.

You-Pick CSAs: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Four Seasons of Members Harvesting Their Own Shares

Kristen Muehlhauser, Raindance Organic Farm

Since 2018, Raindance Organic Farm has offered a member-harvested CSA, and demand for this experience has grown in the community. This workshop covers the details of how to practically run a you-pick CSA, estimate harvests, attract customers, educate members so they don't trample the farm, and more. Discussion will also include pitfalls to avoid in this model and details about its profitability.

Session VI – 8:30-10:00 a.m.

From Town Hall to Farm Bill: Dismantling Big Ag's Fragile System Propped Up by Myths and Hidden Costs

Sarah Carden and Angela Huffman, Farm Action

Time and time again, farmers, communities, and advocates have tried to shift government support away from industrial agriculture and toward a more resilient and equitable system. Due to the control Big Ag often has over the narrative surrounding the agricultural debate, many have failed. In this interactive workshop, Farm Action will offer tools, planning, and processes to call out the hidden costs of industrial agriculture, dismantle industrial agriculture's deceptive myths, and transform the narratives anywhere from town hall meetings to 2023 Farm Bill debates.

Making the Most of Your Seed Investment

Daniel Eggert, High Mowing Organic Seeds

Join Daniel Eggert, Regional Commercial Grower Representative from High Mowing Organic Seeds, for a discussion to help you achieve the best possible results from your seeds. This session will explore best storage options once

the seed is received to preserve quality before delving into how to achieve successful germination and growth for vegetable crops. Special attention will be given to best practices and things to avoid for those crops that can often prove most challenging. Successful methods, strategies, and tricks of the trade gained through first-hand experience and from growers throughout the country will all be considered.

Climate Resilient Gardens and Gardeners

Deb Knapke, The Garden Sage

Climate Change is here, and our gardens are microcosms of what is happening around the world: unpredictable weather events, flooding, soil and water erosion and degradation, and changes in plant and animal responses. What is our path for ensuring our gardens are resilient in this time of change? This session will outline the issues and offer ideas, solutions, and thought-provoking questions.

Cover Crops for Vegetable Producers

Justin Duncan, NCAT

Agriculture is an extractive process which actively removes minerals from soils. Over time, continually harvesting can degrade the soil and strip away the components that make it healthy. Growing cover crops can be an excellent means of organic matter restoration. They can also move nutrients up from the subsoil to make them accessible to the next crop. Cover crops can do much more than just suppress weeds and move minerals around. Find out which cover crops can be incorporated into vegetable rotations, and what other properties they have that may surprise in this workshop.

Organic Returns: Rotations, Weed Management, and Markets

Bryce Irlbeck and Dahn Clemens, AgriSecure

With a focus on providing considerations for successful long-term organic farming, this workshop will cover the agronomics and economics behind different crop rotation options and how that will affect the farm long-term. The discussion will include how to control weeds, provide insight into the current organic market, and advise how to best market your grain. With years of experience and leveraging a network of growers across the Midwest, Bryce Irlbeck and Dahn Clemens will consider quantitative data to help growers make better decisions during transition, and while growing organic crops.

Grazing Management: From Soil Health to Community Health

Francis Thicke, Radiance Dairy

In this workshop, Francis Thicke will describe how he converted a hilly, eroded, conventional, corn/soybean farm into an organic, grass-based dairy with on-farm processing and local sales of bottled milk, yogurt, and cheese. He will talk about the design and management of the farm's infrastructure (paddocks, lanes, fencing, watering system, shade, etc.), as well as practical aspects of pasture management, on-farm dairy processing, and marketing of specialty dairy products.

Pond Restoration with a Permaculture Approach: Lessons Learned from an Ohio SARE Project

Sasha Miller, Purplebrown Farmstead

This workshop flows out of a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) project for a permaculture approach to pond management. Sasha Miller will discuss reasons and ways to store water on the landscape, and how this relates to healthy soil and healthy crops. Practical pond design and management that prioritizes ecological health as well as agricultural productivity will also be explored.

Paperless Recordkeeping for the Modern Farmer

Kate Hodges and Jane Larson, Foraged & Sown

Recordkeeping is essential to operating a farm business effectively. Paperless records make your data more agile, accurate, and accessible. When you habitually gather data based on your farm's unique operations, you can inform all scales of farm decisions, quickly gather information for grants and loan applications, and easily comply with food safety regulations and organic certification. Kate Hodges and Jane Larson will introduce some free and inexpensive paperless options that have worked for their farm's growth, including an interactive demonstration of data entry using QR codes (bring your cell phone!), and cloud-based data storage platforms.

Session VII – 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Stepping Out and Stepping Up: Moving Land-Grant Institutions Toward Truth and Reconciliation with Dispossessed Native American Tribes

Michael Charles, OSU Newark Earthworks Center, Brian Snyder, OSU InFACT

The Morrill Act of 1862, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, created what is known today as the nationwide system of land-grant universities, a source of pride for each state and the entire country. However, the original funding for this development came at a horrible price paid by Native American tribes and people. Efforts are underway to fully understand the sacrifices made, to make amends with the affected tribes, and to learn from the original food systems prior to contact with European settlers. There is an important moral component to the story, but also tremendous benefit to be gained through this process for both the victims of such oppression and the oppressors, by way of a thoughtful reconciliation process and ongoing research that is culturally sensitive and focused on lessons to be learned for improving future food and farming systems.

Integrating Livestock into a Vegetable Production System: Practices, Pitfalls, and Progress

Jennifer Mansfield and Ian Zeglin, Greenacres Foundation

Participants will be introduced to Greenacres Foundation's approach to creating a vegetable production system with a fertility plan completely based on livestock integration and cover cropping. Topics addressed will include design, modifications, and monitoring methods. Potential adaptations of the system will also be discussed.

Getting Started with Outdoor Mushroom Cultivation

Marc Andrew Amante, CSU

While most cultivated mushrooms in the U.S. are grown indoors with special climate controls,

many mushrooms can be cultivated outdoors with very little upfront costs. Whether you just want to get some home-grown protein from your little urban garden or are thinking about adding mushrooms to your farmers market or CSA, you can do it! In this workshop, Marc Andrew Amante will introduce species of mushrooms you can grow readily outdoors in any context, management practices, pest issues, and provide a brief introduction into how to make the jump from producing for fun to producing for profit.

Scaling No-Till Vegetable Production: Tooling Up and Efficient Transitions

Nathan Lada, Green Things Farm Collective

In this session, you will learn how to efficiently begin scaling no-till intensive vegetable production. Nathan Lada will explore both the tools and techniques around no-till transitions to help achieve more efficient and scalable vegetable production. You will come away with a blueprint for how to begin mechanizing your fieldwork, as well as a toolbox for crop transitions to help achieve higher and more efficient production throughout the season.

Growing a Happy Sunflower Crop for Organic Grain Producers

Dan Young, Fresh Aire Farm

Like any adventure, growing happy-and-profitable-sunflowers takes a bit of knowledge, the right timing, and a lot of preparation. From seed to harvest, Dan Young will walk you through the journey of growing sunflowers organically and give you insider tips to keep you and your sunflowers happy and profitable.

Where's the Beef? Current Needs, Creative Solutions, and Cooperative Opportunities in Regional Red Meat Processing

*Angela Blatt, OSU InFACT, Rachel Tayse,
Harmonious Homestead, Paul Dorrance,
Pastured Providence*

From customer shortages at markets to lengthy slaughter dates, the meat processing bottleneck in Ohio and Central Appalachia is obvious. This workshop will share an overview of a thorough needs assessment survey conducted by the presenter team in mid-2021, lessons learned from site visits to mobile meat processors, and the resulting creative, co-operative infrastructure development proposed. You will learn about past livestock processing explorations and the exciting projects currently emerging to support the growth of pasture-based livestock in Ohio.

Installing Zoning Compliant Farm Infrastructures in Urban Areas While Keeping Your Sanity

April Pandora, Eden Urban Gardens

April Pandora will provide detailed examples of how she was able to equip her urban farm with essential infrastructure despite the challenges of dealing with municipal regulations. She will share her practical approach to installing urban farm infrastructure like yard hydrants, deer fencing, and high tunnels while maintaining compliance municipal codes.

Long-Term Planning for Small Farms

*Bob Cohen, Braintree Business Development
Center, Ed Klesack, Centaurus Financial, Bob
Hendrix, Attorney*

Almost all businesses are long-term propositions that sometimes need many years

to achieve their full potential. But farming is even more so. In this workshop, you will learn about several resources that are important in the protection of your farming business. These include proper legal documents, insurance protections, financial strategies, trusts, succession planning, and, ultimately, retirement.