



Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association
Cultivating Care
45th Annual Conference
February 15-17, 2024 – Newark, Ohio

Speaking at OEFFA Details, Terms, and Conditions

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the 45th annual OEFFA Conference, taking place in Newark, Ohio, February 15-17, 2024. A diverse selection of excellent workshops is what makes the OEFFA conference special. All of us at OEFFA sincerely appreciate your support and passion for a more sustainable food system!

Milo Petruziello is the primary contact for anything workshop related. Please do not hesitate to contact him at any time if you have questions or concerns about your session, the application process, or any of the information outlined below. Here is Milo's contact information:

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Below is information about our workshop process, our workshop format, and our speaker benefits. ***Please read ALL of this information*** and contact Milo if you have any questions or concerns. OEFFA will consider a completed application confirmation that you have read, understood, and agreed to all of the information below. When you are ready to complete a proposal, please follow the link provided at the end of this document to access the form.

The Basics

Conference Days: Friday, February 16 – Saturday, February 17

Workshop Length: 75 Minutes

Location: Cherry Valley Hotel and Ohio Event Center
2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark, OH 43055
www.cherryvalleyhotel.com
(740) 788-1200

Deadline for Full Consideration: Monday, August 21, 2023

Workshop Development Process

OEFFA reviews all proposals based on the relevance of the topic to our attendees, the balance of the topic with other presentations (i.e., we try to avoid multiple presentations on the same topic), the recent history of the topic at conference (i.e., we may avoid topics already covered within the last two years), the qualifications of the speaker, OEFFA's history with the speaker (if any), and the thoroughness and clarity of the application.

Due to the high degree of interest in speaking at OEFFA, we cannot accept all the proposals we receive. All applicants who submit complete proposals will be informed of their status by late October.

Multiple Speaker Sessions

Most conference workshops are led by a single speaker, but we will consider requests for additional speakers on a case-by-case basis. In some instances, a co-presenter or panel discussion can add considerable value to a topic by diversifying the perspectives, but, in some instances, more speakers may reduce workshop quality by diluting the focus. If you wish to have a co-presenter, please have a clear idea of what that person is contributing to the workshop and why that contribution adds value for participants.

When completing a proposal with multiple speakers, please provide an email and phone number for all speakers involved so that OEFFA has a way to contact all participants directly. The proposal form includes a field for this information. If you have a co-presenter who does not use email, please at least provide a reliable phone number. OEFFA will not consider including speakers for whom we have no contact information.

Speaker Stipends

OEFFA has a stipend budget of **\$120 for each 75-minute workshop**. Solo speakers who are eligible to receive a stipend will receive the full amount budgeted for their timeslot. In the case of workshops with multiple speakers, the stipend will be divided evenly between them. The stipend amount per speaker for workshops based on the number of speakers involved is as follows:

Speaker stipend for a one-speaker workshop: \$120
Speaker stipend for a two-speaker workshop: \$60 each
Speaker stipend for a three-speaker workshop: \$40 each
Speaker stipend for a four-speaker workshop: \$30 each

Extension Educators, government employees presenting in their official capacity, sponsors, and trade show vendors are not eligible for stipends. In instances where a speaker who is ineligible for a stipend co-presents with a speaker who is eligible, OEFFA will divide the stipend the same as if both speakers were eligible.

Additional Benefits

In addition to their stipend, **workshop** presenters receive:

- One (1) free registration to the conference for yourself. This registration does not include Food and Farm School registration or special conference related events that require an additional fee.
- The option to register one member of your household or a business partner for the conference at our reduced volunteer rate of \$95.
- One (1) complimentary conference lunch.
- Free childcare or kids' conference for up to two (2) children 12 and under on one day or one (1) child 12 and under for both days.

Recording and Photographing of Workshops

As a presenter at the conference, you agree that your presentation will be recorded.

All workshops are recorded via Zoom and are made available for conference attendees to rewatch, but not download, until the end of March. These recordings include audio and any visuals projected from the presentation computer, but no video of the speaker. Upon request OEFFA will provide a speaker with a recording of their presentation after general registrant access closes. OEFFA reserves the right to archive the recording for our records and internal use. OEFFA agrees not to publicly distribute the recording beyond the time-limited access provided to registered conference attendees without the presenter's express written consent.

OEFFA photographs some, but not all, conference workshops. Your workshop may be photographed by OEFFA. Photos belong to OEFFA and reserve the right to be used in future promotion. Care will be given to avoid photographing members of the Plain community.

Endorsement of Products or Services

OEFFA sessions are for the purpose of education and are not to be used to sell products or services. We understand that many of our speakers represent farms, companies, or organizations with products or services to sell. Speakers are welcome to mention a suitable product, reference a trade show booth, or inform attendees of a future class--and we do not expect speakers representing a company to mention competing products. However, the products you sell must not be the focus of your presentation. Attendees are usually put off by presentations they perceive as infomercials, and complaints of this nature do appear in conference comments.

Community Standards

OEFFA is a big tent. The OEFFA Conference belongs to our members and attendees representing a diverse range of racial and ethnic backgrounds, lifestyles, sexualities, gender

identities, political views, social values, and growing scales and practices. Our members are urban, suburban, and rural; women, men, and nonbinary; young and old; libertarian and socialist; Amish and atheist. We welcome farmers big and small, homesteaders, gardeners, activists, food entrepreneurs, students, academics, and once even a newborn lamb wearing a diaper (the owners even named it OEFFA; it was adorable). Please be respectful of the variety of viewpoints present in the room, including those of conventional, sustainable, transitional, and organic farmers. Avoid inappropriate behavior such as swearing, religious or political commentary, insensitive jokes, or disparaging other people, businesses, or organizations.

Please Read Before Applying

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information included in this document, please contact Milo prior to completing your application. OEFFA will consider a completed application as confirmation that you have read, understood, and agreed to all the terms and conditions outlined herein.

How to Apply

To receive full consideration, please complete a proposal for each workshop using the online form by **August 21, 2023**. While applying you can select whether you prefer to speak virtually, in-person, or are open to either format.

Proposal Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/K5LFZ9DG0b>

In Gratitude

We are grateful for everything you do to support sustainable and organic agriculture. The OEFFA conference is special because of the contribution of leaders like you.

Thank you.