

ABOUT OEFFA:

THE OHIO ECOLOGICAL FOOD AND FARM ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1979 AND IS A MEMBERSHIP BASED ORGANIZATION, DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE, ECOLOGICAL, AND HEALTHFUL FOOD SYSTEMS.



ABOUT OFFER:

THE ORGANIC FOOD AND FARMING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM (OFFER) IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING OF ORGANIC FOODS FROM THE FIELD TO THE TABLE FOR FARMERS, GARDENERS, PROCESSORS, RETAILERS, AND CONSUMERS



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ORGANICS 201

A WORKSHOP FOR OHIO FARMERS FOCUSED ON ACHIEVING ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

**DECEMBER 3, 2009
9:00AM-4:00PM**

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ORGANICS 201: ORGANIC FARM CERTIFICATION

WHY CONSIDER ORGANIC PRODUCTION?

SALES OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS HAVE RISEN 15–20% EVERY YEAR OVER THE PAST DECADE. IN 2008, THE ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION REPORTED A 17% INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE ORGANIC FOOD SEGMENT IS THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY. LARGE AND SMALL RETAILERS HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS CONSISTENT INCREASE IN DEMAND BY OFFERING CUSTOMERS MORE AND MORE ORGANIC PRODUCTS.

FARMERS IN OHIO CAN CAPITALIZE ON THIS TREND BY MOVING TOWARD ORGANIC PRODUCTION. ORGANIC FARM PRODUCTS FROM OHIO FARMS REPRESENT A VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION OPTION. PRICE PREMIUMS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS MAY PROVIDE OHIO FARMERS WITH INCREASED REVENUE AND ACCESS TO A GROWING ORGANIC MARKETPLACE.

HOW WILL ORGANICS 201

BENEFIT ME?

THE PRIMARY REQUIREMENT FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION IS THE ORGANIC FARM PLAN, A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF YOUR FARM PRODUCTION SYSTEM. THE ORGANIC FARM PLAN IS A WRITTEN PLAN THAT IS FORMATTED AS AN APPLICATION FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION.

ORGANICS 201 WILL PROVIDE FARMERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE AN ORGANIC FARM PLAN. STAFF FROM THE OEFFA CERTIFICATION OFFICE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS AND EXPLAIN THE ORGANIC PRODUCTION STANDARD AND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS. RESEARCH SCIENTISTS FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WILL PROVIDE UP TO DATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIC PRODUCTION SYSTEM.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE ORGANICS 201 WORKSHOP WILL LEAVE WITH A VIRTUALLY COMPLETE ORGANIC FARM PLAN, WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS, AND WITH A CLEAR VIEW OF THE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR DESIGNING A PROFITABLE ORGANIC FARM.

ORGANICS 201 REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES

OEFFA MEMBER (\$35.00) _____

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TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE _____

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ADDITIONAL CHARGE*

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