



OAK Farmer Field Day in Casey County on Tuesday

Join the June 18 Field Day at Foxfire Farm in Liberty, KY

Don't miss OAK's Farmer Field Day at [Foxfire Farm](#) in Casey County next Tuesday! Foxfire Farm is a 2.5-acre, certified organic, low-till farm that cultivates greens, herbs, roots and diverse vegetables. They sell their produce through a wide array of markets, including a local community supported agriculture (CSA) program, farmers markets, restaurants, groceries and wholesale buyers. Aaron and Irina Lange steward the Lange family land, combining intergenerational knowledge and experience with bio-intensive and ecologically-minded practices, like cover cropping, integrating livestock and maintaining permanent beds with crop rotations. Aaron will provide demonstrations and specific crop examples for harvest techniques, wash-pack systems, crop transitions and bed-flipping. He will also share lessons learned about building and balancing multiple market channels. Registration is \$5 for OAK Members, \$10 for non-members.

Grow Appalachia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture provided support for this Field Day.

[Register Now](#)



OAK Farmer Field Day
INNOVATING GENERATIONAL FARMING PRACTICES
WITH ECOLOGICAL APPROACHES
AND SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES
June 18, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm ET
Foxfire Farm | Casey County

2025 Conference: Call for Session Proposals

Submit a proposal through July 19, 2024

OAK is seeking proposals for [OAK's 14th Annual Farming Conference, January 23-25, 2025, in Frankfort, KY](#). The 2025 conference theme is *Grounded in Organics: From Soil to Market*, and OAK seeks innovative and engaging conference sessions relevant to Kentucky's thriving organic and regenerative agriculture community. **Submissions are open through July 19, 2024.**

[Learn More and Submit a Session Proposal](#)

OAK Farmer Field Days: Register Now or Save the Date

Join OAK and fellow farmers and agricultural professionals to see organic systems and practices in action on working farms across Kentucky. Share your successes and challenges with peers and connect with helpful resource providers. OAK's Farmer Field Days, webinars and workshops are open to farmers, ag

professionals and local food system advocates. OAK welcomes farmers from all types and scales of farms - large and small scale, organic and conventional, urban and rural.

Reduced Tillage, Cover Crops and Crop Rotations on an Organic Vegetable Farm

Lazy Eight Stock Farm in Paint Lick, KY

June 4, 2024 - *Summary and Resources Now Available*

Innovating Generational Farming Practices with Ecological Approaches and System Efficiencies

Foxtire Farm in Liberty, KY

June 18, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm ET - *Register Today!*

Building a Small-Scale Family Farm One Year at a Time

Wolf Gap Gardens in Berea, KY

July 9, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm ET - *Register Today!*

Perennial Possibilities and Annual Rotations

Barr Farms in Rhodelia, KY

September 5, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm ET - *Details Coming Soon; Save the Date!*

Exploring the Ecosystems of Community and Conservation

Seadleaf's Headwater Farm in Lexington, KY

September 12, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm - *Register Today!*

From the Soil Up - Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement

Valley Spirit Farm in Campbellsburg, KY

September 23, 2024, 9 am - 12 pm ET - *Register Today!*

Growing on Principles: Soil Health, Farmer Health\ and Community Health

Apostles Garden in Bowling Green, KY

October 10, 2024, 1 - 4 pm CT - *Register Today!*

[Learn More and Register for an OAK Farmer Field Day](#)

Free On-Farm Conservation Support

If you have questions about how to get started with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), are interested in applying for NRCS assistance before this Fall's EQIP ranking dates or want to explore NRCS conservation assistance for your farm or the land you steward, reach out to Mad Marchal, OAK's Conservation Outreach Coordinator, at mad@oak-ky.org.

[Book a 30-Minute Call with Mad](#)

2024 OAK Conference Session Recordings

OAK is thrilled to offer recordings of the inspiring and informative sessions from the 13th Annual Farming Conference this past January. A new batch of recordings has just been released for public viewing on OAK's website: Organic Farmer Panel: Adopting Practices, Increasing Resilience and Strengthening Systems in Our Organic Farming Community (Keynote) * Foundations of Regenerative

Grazing Ecosystem Function and the Tool of Livestock (Pre-Conference Workshop) * Addressing the Use of Plastics in Organic Agriculture * Are Tomatoes Worth It?!? Evaluating Profitability in High Tunnels, Crop by Crop * The Black Farmer Blight and Planting Seeds of Solutions * Finding the Funding That Fits: A Forum for Farmers * Organic Strawberries: Propagation to Market. OAK will continue to release new content monthly through September 2024. Enjoy and learn from these incredible presentations!

View Available Recordings



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**2024 Conference
Recordings**

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Select recordings released the first of every month at
oak-ky.org/conference-2024-recordings

Upcoming Partner Opportunities

OAK Highlights: Climate-Smart Project and Organic Production Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) Consultations

Application deadline: October 31, 2024

Farms - Apply to Participate in OAK's Climate-Smart Project

OCCSP provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the National Organic Program (NOP). Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2024. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Farms - Schedule a Production Consultation with OAK's Organic Production Specialist

Kentucky farmers, start your 2024 production season with [organic technical assistance](#), intended for farmers currently using or interested in using organic practices. CAA's Organic Production Specialist, Sarah Geurkink, is available to respond to production-related inquiries and consult with farmers one-on-one by phone, virtually and on the farm. This service is for commercial farms and market gardens that are currently selling or planning to sell their products. [Learn more and schedule a consultation.](#)

Black Soil KY's The State of The Soil Conference September 8-11, 2024

Origin Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky

This inaugural conference will be an opportunity to learn about building an intersectional and equitable food system. Registration closes Wednesday, July 31 at 11:59 PM EST or when capacity is reached.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Third Thursday Thing

June 20, 2024, 10 am - 2 pm ET

Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, Frankfort KY

Third Thursday of Each Month, Join Kentucky State University's monthly sustainable agriculture workshop -Free event; lunch included. Watch the recordings online at [youtube.com/kysuag/live](https://www.youtube.com/kysuag/live)

Join the KYSU Small Farms email list at <https://bit.ly/kysuemail>

VFGC's Southwest Virginia Summer Forage Tour

June 18 - June 20

The Virginia Forage and Grassland Council (VFGC) is hosting a 3-day tour of six cattle operations with a variety of forage systems. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Upcoming Virtual Events

USDA Conservation Efforts Support Pollinators, Agricultural Production Nationwide

Webinar sponsored by USDA NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

June 20, 2024 2:00 pm ET

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Climate Change and Agriculture in the United States - The Importance of Persistence

Webinar sponsored by USDA NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

June 25, 2024, 2:00 pm ET

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Developing Organic Crop Budgets for Producers Moving to Organic Production

Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) Webinar

June 26, 2024, 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET

Join this webinar to learn about a crop budging tool for organic crop producers. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Educational and Farming Support

National Grant for Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers

Applications Open July 1st! [Learn about the application and eligibility here.](#)

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growing. Together we are creating a more
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