

OHIO ECOLOGICAL FOOD AND FARM ASSOCIATION

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2022 IMPACT REPORT



OEFFA's Mission:

To cultivate a future in which sustainable and organic farmers thrive, local food nourishes our communities, and agricultural practices protect and enhance our environment.

 Farmer support and education

 Organic certification

 Policy and advocacy



700+ people joined virtually and in person at the 43rd annual OEFFA conference.



200+ people toured 10 sustainable and organic farms in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.



8 workshops taught 100+ people about land access, USDA programs, and more.



1,149

certified organic operations

1,042 organic producers

107 organic handlers/processors

71 certified with OEFFA for the first time

OEFFA's certification program celebrated 20 years of accreditation by the USDA.



10 new staff joined OEFFA.

1,800+ members supported OEFFA, including 162 new members and 2 lifetime members.



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🌿 Ohio's first graduate completed the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship program after 4,000 hours of on-farm training and instruction.

🌿 6 students graduated from OEFFA's Heartland Farm Beginnings course.

🌿 Multiple internships, mentorships, and workshops were offered to beginning farmers across Ohio.

🌿 \$30,000 was awarded to 8 beginning farmers impacted by the pandemic.



13,800+

followers on social media



@ohioecological

🌿 60 members gathered across Ohio to inform OEFFA's 2023 Farm Bill Platform.

🌿 The Family Farm ReGeneration Act was signed into law, supporting beginning farmers.

🌿 Organized a farm bill listening session with Senator Sherrod Brown at Greenfield Farms.

🌿 Gathered multiple groups to support organic grain growers utilizing and marketing diverse grain rotation, establishing the Midwest Organic Collaborative.



Financial highlights

OEFFA INCOME



75% Grants + Awards
14% Programs
4% Donations
7% Membership

OEFFA CERTIFICATION INCOME



94% Certification Services
6% Misc.
0% Investment Income

OEFFA EXPENSES



68% Personnel
25% Programs
4% Building
3% Administration + Fees

OEFFA CERTIFICATION EXPENSES



69% Staff Salaries
17% Inspections
2% Print + Postage
5% Equipment + Supplies
1% Professional Fees
6% Other

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Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2022

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