

2023 IMPACT REPORT



OHIO ECOLOGICAL FOOD AND FARM ASSOCIATION

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

800+

 attendees at the 44th annual OEFFA conference

Hosted 25 educational workshops and farm tours across Ohio and online.

Educators answered 500+ technical assistance calls and emails from farmers, and started a monthly virtual help shop.

Launched the Outreach Program, offering resources aimed at assisting Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) farmers.

Tallied 551 people OEFFA assisted in their farming journey through the three years of the Begin Farming Program.



1,103

 certified organic operations

- 1,000 organic producers
- 103 organic handlers/processors
- 72 certified with OEFFA for the first time
- 51 Organic Plus Trust (OPT) Grass-Fed producers

Partnered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture in administering Organic Cost Share Program reimbursements for 185 organic operations.

Continue to streamline and improve the organic certification renewal process, including through simplified paperwork.



10

 visits to the Ohio Statehouse to advocate for soil health

Past advocacy paid off when the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit took effect in January.

Multiple visits to D.C. with OEFFA farmer leaders to meet with legislators.

Engaged with hundreds of people in farm bill advocacy, including at Farm Aid and through in-district meetings, trainings, and more.

Spearheaded 373 emails and 103 calls about agricultural policy to members of Congress.



Your donation makes all of this work and OEFFA's mission possible.

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1,858

 OEFFA members

- 203 new members

40+ staff support OEFFA's work in education, certification, and advocacy.

15,000+ followers keep up on social media.

Launched a Beginning Farmer Award in addition to Stewardship and Service Awards.

Started a sustaining gift program and a planned giving program.

OEFFA became a donation-based membership organization, making it easier to give and become a member.

By donating just \$60, or \$5 a month, you become an OEFFA member.



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oeffa.org/donate

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Columbus, OH
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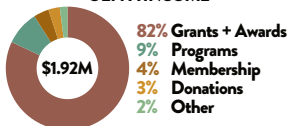
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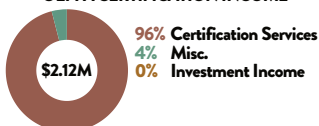
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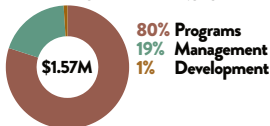
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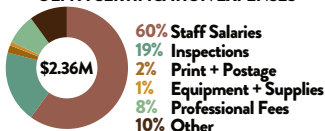
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OEFFA EXPENSES



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Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023

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