

2024



IMPACT REPORT



The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) works toward cultivating a future in which sustainable and organic farmers thrive, local food nourishes our communities, and agricultural practices protect and enhance our environment.



WORKING FOR FARMERS SINCE 1979

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900+

contacts with farmers through technical assistance calls, emails, and programming

800+

attendees at the 45th annual OEFFA conference

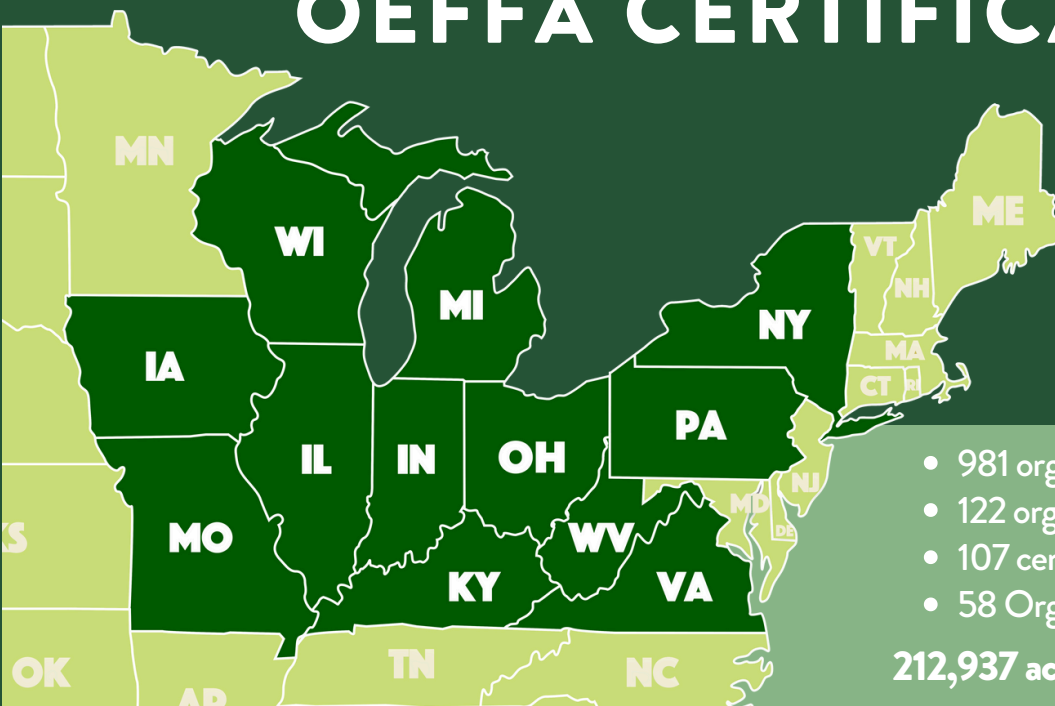
400+

attendees at 21 OEFFA farm tours and workshops

Paired 6 mentees/mentors through the Transition to Organic Partnership Program to help with their organic certification journey.

Coordinated 57 calls with land access technical assistance, personally assisting 9 farmers with land access cases.

OEFFA CERTIFICATION



1,103

certified organic operations

- 981 organic producers
- 122 organic handlers/processors
- 107 certified with OEFFA for the first time
- 58 Organic Plus Trust Grass-Fed producers

212,937 acres of certified organic land

✓ Developed and shared educational resources on two big industry rules: Organic Livestock & Poultry Standards and Strengthening Organic Enforcement.

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

Spearheaded the first annual Ohio Soil Health Week:

19 events across Ohio **700+** attendees

Coordinated a Soil Health Lobby Day, connecting 28 advocates with 43 legislators at the Ohio Statehouse.

Met with 16 members of Congress in DC and took 5 Ohio representatives to farms to advocate for sustainable farming policies.

Launched 5 policy caucuses engaging 40+ members.

Welcomed 200 attendees to the inaugural film screening series exploring organic and sustainable farming.

Filmed 6 Soil Stories videos with Ohio farmers to share the importance of soil health.



1,757
OEFFA members



42 members donate monthly through the new sustainer donor program. Ask us how you can too!

40+ staff working in 5 states support OEFFA's work in education, certification, and advocacy.

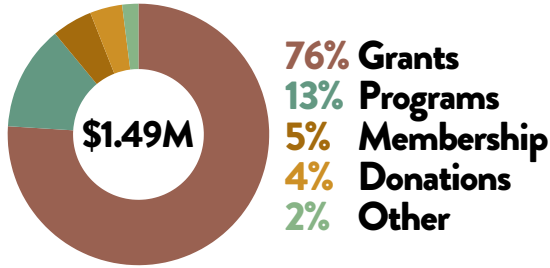
OEFFA moved office buildings and welcomed a new Executive Director.

15,000+ followers on OEFFA's social media and 1,700+ members.

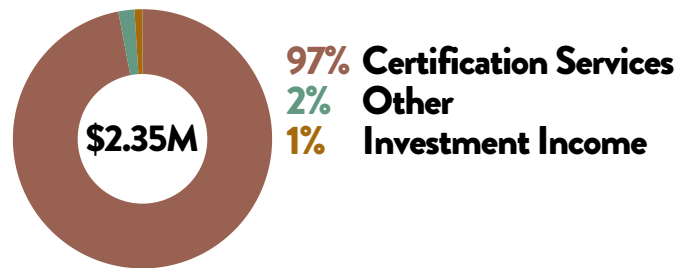
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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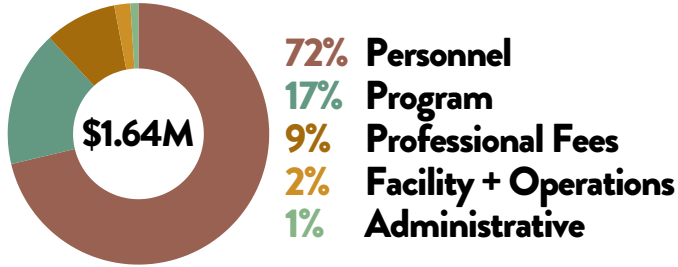
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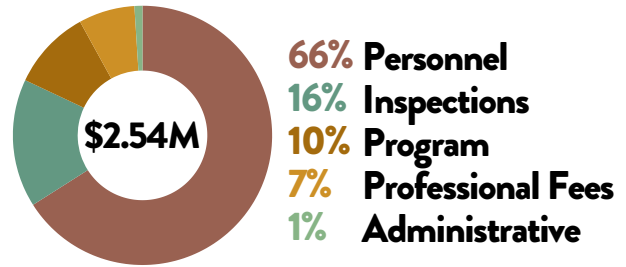
OEFFA CERTIFICATION INCOME



OEFFA EXPENSES



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Oct. 1, 2023-Sept. 30, 2024

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2024

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Your donation makes this work and OEFFA's mission possible.
Thank you.



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