

The Schedule... At a Glance

FRIDAY JANUARY 25

INTENSIVE SESSIONS

7:30 am Registration

9:00 am– Morning
12:30 pm Session

- Organic Gardening from the Ground Up
- Capital Region CSA Gathering
- Managing Animal Nutrition through the Transition to Organic Dairy— and How to Pay for It!

9:00 am– Full-Day
5:00 pm Sessions

- Weed Management Forum
- Introduction to Farming with Animal Power
- Medicinal Herbs

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30– Afternoon
5:00 pm Sessions

- Permaculture Principles: A Toolbox for Creating Regenerative Systems
- CSA Open Forum
- What Can Legumes Do for YOU?
- Organic Farm Certification: How to Get Started – Vegetable/Field Crop/Other Livestock – Dairy

5:15– Opening
6:30 pm Ceremony & Social Hour with Your Political Representatives

6:30 pm Dinner

8:15 pm Keynote by Terry Wollen



SATURDAY JANUARY 26

WORKSHOPS

6:00 am Yoga

7:00 am Breakfast & Registration

8:00–9:15 am Morning Session 1

- Organic Grain Issues: *National & New York Perspectives*
- Low Input, Small Scale Dairy Farming
- Raising Organic Grassfed Beef with Heritage & Other Breeds
- Sustainable Inputs for Greenhouse Production
- Sourcing Equipment: *What Do You Really Need & How to Get It*
- An Introduction to Vegetable Lacto-fermentation
- Organic Lawn Care & Alternatives to Lawns
- Bringing Fair Trade Home
- Pest & Disease Management for Organic Apples
- Grower Groups
- Roundtable Discussion: *Alfred State's Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture*

9:15–9:30 am Coffee Break in Tradeshow & Organic Marketplace

9:30–10:45 am Morning Session 2

- Help Fill the Huge Demand for Organic Grains in the NY Marketplace. *Transition to Organic in '08!*
- Healthy Pasture, Healthy Animals
- Chicken Composters
- Biodynamic Salad Greens Production
- Beginning Livestock Farming
- Root Cellars – *Constructing, Filling & Cooking*
- Worms at Work: *Closing the Loop with Vermicompost*
- What's New & What's Not in Organic Policy – *Update from the National Organic Coalition*
- Farmer Innovations & Inventions Roundtable
- Profitable Farm, Sustainable Farm: *How to Make Your Farm Support You, Instead of You Supporting Your Farm*
- Tai Chi for Farmers & Gardeners

11:00 am Keynote by Brahm Ahmadi

12:15 pm Lunch & Roundtable Discussions

1:15 pm Annual Meeting

2:15–3:30 pm Afternoon Session 1

- Edible Small Grains
- Developing Sustainable Animal Wellness Plans
- Preventing & Managing Internal Parasites in Sheep
- The Elusive Allium: *The Pros & Cons of Organic Allium Production*
- Introduction to Vegetable Pests: *What to Look For & How to Manage Them*
- Bare-Bone Basics: *Constructing Simple Meals Based on Old-Fashioned Meat-Based Soups & Stocks*
- Home Farming: *Applying Large-Scale Techniques to the Small-Scale Garden*
- Go on the Low-Carbon Diet!
- Integrating Fruit into a Diversified Vegetable Farm
- Culinary Mushroom Production: *Two Perspectives*
- A Look into Albany Youth Organic Gardening Initiatives

3:30–4:00 pm Coffee Break in Tradeshow & Organic Marketplace

4:00–5:15 pm Afternoon Session 2

- Integrated Parasite Management for Organic Livestock
- Dairy Goat Farming: *Organic Goat Dairying – Issues, Challenges & Potential Solutions*
- The Big Transition: Large-Scale Conventional Veg Growers Go Organic
- Achieving Balance with Family & Farming
- Utilizing Everything from the Pig & Chicken
- Multipurpose Edible Perennials for the Northeast
- Carbon Sequestration & Credits for Organic Farms
- Fibers for the Family
- Biodiesel & Electric Tractors
- Healthy City: *Connecting Youth with Farming & Local Food Systems*

5:15 pm Wine & Cheese Social Hour in Tradeshow & Organic Marketplace, Auction for Agriculture

5:30–6:30 pm NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC Open Meeting

6:30 pm Banquet Dinner

8:15 pm Moderated Evening Discussion: *Negotiating a Fair Price for NYS Organic Grain that Benefits Both Grain & Livestock Farmers*

9:00 pm Special Entertainment: *The Hogwashers!*

SUNDAY JANUARY 27

WORKSHOPS

6:00 am Yoga

7:00 am Registration

8:00– Morning
9:15 am Session 1

- Organic No-Till – *Can It Work?*
- The Future of Raw Milk in New York
- Farming & Gardening without Livestock? *The Cow's Importance in Farming*
- The Gorzynski Ornerly Farm Story
- Exploring the Small Farm Dream: *Is Starting an Agricultural Business Right for You?*
- Find It! Grow It! Build! *An Introduction to Building with Local & Recycled Materials*
- Eating Beyond the Garden Fence
- Mobile Markets: *Taking It to the Streets*
- It Can Be Done! Drying Herbs in Upstate NY
- Cover Crops & Crop Rotations for Small Diversified Systems

9:15– Coffee Break
9:45 am in Tradeshow & Organic Marketplace

9:45– Morning
11:00 am Session 2

- Improving Organic Field Cropping Systems
- One Bottle at a Time: *Seven Years in the Life of a Family Farm & Creamery*
- Pastured Hogs
- Organic Seed Partnership
- Mistakes Made, Luck Found & Lessons Learned: *Transitioning to Farming & Hopes of a Farming Life*
- A Half Mile from the Road: *A Brief History & Herstory of Wild Roots Farm*
- Innovations from NYC Urban Gardens
- What's the Latest on GMOs?
- No-Till Vegetable Farming
- Record Keeping for Greater Farm Profitability & Organic Certification

11:15 am Keynote by Barbara & David Perkins

12:15 pm Lunch, Tradeshow & Marketplace closes