



Catherine Nguyen, Mora Mora Farm in Oregon
Photo taken by Emilie Chen

Impact Report

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A MESSAGE FROM BRISE



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As tomatoes ripen, flowers bloom, and farmers work harder than ever to feed their communities and steward land, we've been reflecting on the harvest of this last year. Behind the abundance of summer bounty is the love and labor of an interconnected food system, from farmers to researchers to resource providers to you – our supporters. I hope this report will give you insight into how important this work is, and how much you're a part of it. **Thank you so much – your gifts have directly funded these projects!**

FARM BILL ADVOCACY & ACTION

Early 2025 saw the federal funding freezes, and that uncertainty, along with Farm Bill delays, permeated the organic agriculture political landscape. Nevertheless, we conducted dozens of direct meetings with House Congressional and Senate offices, **translating farmers' research and lived experience into policy narratives that made a difference.** These efforts helped sustain momentum for organic research priorities and contributed to the bicameral introduction of the Organic Science and Research Investment Act (OSRI), which would increase investment and coordination of USDA funded organic research. Most recently, in June 2026, we were honored to join key partners in leading a letter to the Senate Agricultural Committee about the importance of supporting organic research in the Farm Bill – **a critical step to advance organic ag research for years to come.**



*Advocating for policies for the
next generation of farmers;
Alan Wilson, Renegade Farms.
Indiana.*



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

225+

Touchpoints with
policy makers

12

High-level meetings
with USDA officials

370

Registrants for our
course on
communicating
effectively with
legislators



Anthony Reyes, Farmer-Led Trials participant at Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center, Washington



RESEARCH & EDUCATION IN PRACTICE

Over the last year, we've focused our efforts on expanding organic agriculture research and improving access to that research. What we've seen is nothing short of extraordinary – **farmer-experts implementing research projects, sharing knowledge and skills, and igniting nationwide interest in the resources it takes to sustain successful organic farms.**

We believe in supporting organic farmers and ranchers in their ongoing search for innovation and farm viability. Our Farmer-Led Trials program was born from this belief, and over the last two years we've supported 19 farmers across two cohorts through the program – **developing solutions to real-world problems through on-farm research.**

In addition, we reached thousands of farmers through our technical resources and trainings. Our educational webinars connected farmers across the country, sharing successes and challenges related to accessing USDA farmer resources on the ground, farmer perspectives and experiences transitioning to organic, crop-livestock integration, and other important issues.

We also launched the Organic Research Hub, a digital database that houses 1,372 curated resources and connects farmers with 279 (and growing!) regional organic experts, strengthening access to science-based, climate-resilient practices.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

33,000

Visits to the Organic Research Hub

19

Farmers supported through our Farmer-Led Trials

948

Farmers engaged through our technical and educational programs

15

Webinars hosted

4,975

Attendees at OFRF events

Together, these projects are building a body of practical, farmer-generated knowledge that strengthens organic systems from the soil up.



*Rachel Opio
Farmer-owner of Little Lighthouse Farm,
an organic farm in Phoenix, Arizona*

“If I hadn't used cover crops, I would have never been able to grow anything in this soil. The first day I put a trowel in the soil after amending it for over a year, the trowel just slid in like a glove. And then I saw the worms. I was crying.
Soil life is amazing.”

Thank you

Thank you so much for your support of OFRF! **We couldn't do this work without you.** Your donations have allowed us to make powerful strides toward our vision – **organic farming as the leading form of agriculture in the United States.** It's a bold vision, but one we deeply believe in, and we know you do too. This report is just the beginning of what we hope to accomplish together.

OUR MISSION

Organic Farming Research Foundation fosters the improvement and widespread adoption of organic farming systems. OFRF cultivates organic research, education, and federal policies that bring more farmers and acreage into organic production.

OUR VISION

Organic farming as the leading form of agriculture, supporting healthy and resilient people, ecosystems, and economies.

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With gratitude,

