

Field Day Toolkit

A guide to organizing field days for agriculture research dissemination



Lazy Eight Stock Farm



TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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*“While **organic farmers** clearly consider other farmers their **most valuable information resources**, they have varying preferences for information venues and formats. **Because individual learning styles vary**, it is important to continue providing organic farming information through a variety of venues and formats.”*

-2022 National Organic Research Agenda



Introduction - What is a Field Day?

Field days are research dissemination events that provide a great way for agriculture industry professionals, farmers and ranchers, and researchers to engage with and learn from one another. Simultaneously, it is a way for farmers to communicate their observations and experiences on their operations to researchers to help highlight emerging issues, real-world applicability, and build relationships with the research community and each other.

OFRF's [2022 National Organic Research Agenda](#) confirmed that farmers value opportunities to learn from one another as well as to receive in-person technical support from agricultural service providers. Interactions between producers, researchers, and industry professionals can be useful for informing focus areas for future research and education efforts. Hosting field days extends the benefits and impact of agricultural research as well as provides further opportunities for collaboration, project coordination, and relationship building.

But, these opportunities are not only about sharing the most up-to-date research findings and related information. They are about creating a strong network that can ask/answer questions, providing opportunities for researchers to ground-truth their ideas with farms, and connecting vendors with farmers—just to name a few.

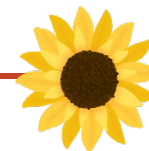
This toolkit provides a road map to plan a successful field day event and optimize the reach of your organization or farm's research and extension activities.



Farmer Bryce Baumann of Lazy Eight Stock Farm explains how his tractor attachments work at a field day.

Phase 1 - Set Objectives & Outline the Event

Event planning requires time and resources. Start early to ensure that your field day makes an impression!



Getting Started

Start planning your field day event as soon as possible. Beginning at least 3-4 months in advance is recommended to ensure that your event is a success.

Collaboration & Partnerships

Planning an event is a big undertaking. We recommend assembling a core field day planning team with colleagues or with other organizations that share your interests. This could include NRCS, conservation districts, local Extension staff, farm bureaus, and other agricultural organizations like OFRF. Collaborating can amplify the capacity and reach of your event through increased access to resources, funding, publicity, and logistical support. Determine when, where, and how frequently the planning team will meet, likely more often the closer the event is.

Planning Topics & Setting the Date

Consult with organizational partners, your research team, local growers, industry professionals, and other interested parties about their needs and values regarding timing and priority issues. This step can be completed through interviews, focus groups, or informal surveys/polls that are likely already ongoing for current research.

Your field day topics and themes will likely be informed by your organization's recent research and what grows in your region. Examples of common field day topics include cultivar trials, innovative production practices (tillage, cultivation, pest management, irrigation, etc.), or conservation strategies in production agriculture.

Key Event Considerations:

- How many attendees are you expecting?
 - Will you have a maximum or minimum number of attendees?
 - Will you require registration? If so, when will registration open and close?
 - Will there be admissions fees or suggested donations? (We recommend offering free admissions to producers.)

Key Event Considerations, cont'd:

- What is your event budget? Where is your funding coming from?
 - Do you need to acknowledge event sponsors in any outreach materials, or at the event itself?
- How long will the event be? Half day? Full day? Is this field day part of a series?
 - How many topics will be covered? Will multiple talks occur simultaneously?
- Will refreshments or lunch be provided?
- Where will the event take place?
 - Is the site ADA-compliant?
- Will you need to rent tents, chairs, tables, or portable restrooms?
- Will you offer virtual attendance options?
- Will you need to schedule a rain date, or plan for any other contingencies?
- How will you support beginning farmers, farmers of color, non-English speakers, and individuals with financial or transportation barriers?
- Do you need event insurance, liability insurance, or permits?
 - Does your organization have an appropriate emergency plan in place?
 - Do you have a first aid kit onsite?
- How will you complete event outreach? (Event webpage, social media, local news media, email listservs, etc.)

Topic Selection Considerations:

- Narrow the scope of your event to 1-3 topics for a half-day event, or 3-5 for a full-day event. Be realistic about timing and available resources.
- Do you have the ability to obtain all supplies/resources for the selected topics and themes?
- Are there specific lecturers, dissemination formats, or activities that would be engaging and enticing to your specific audience?
 - Farmer-centered research suggests planning for a farmer-focused event.
- Are knowledgeable and respected speakers available?
 - Speakers should be comfortable with public speaking about the subject matter.
 - We recommend budgeting to compensate guest speakers and additional event personnel.

Based on the 2022 National Organic Research Agenda, OFRF recommends the following focus areas to meet growers' needs:

- Present farmer information on best organic soil health, conservation, and climate mitigation practices within a framework of cost management, yield stability (resilience), and improved net returns for farm enterprises.
- Provide informational resources to help organic farmers access sources of high quality certified organic seed, and to identify and procure suitable cultivars for organic production in their regions, including new releases from organic plant breeding endeavors.
- Build farmer capacity to grow organic seeds for on-farm use and/or commercial sale.
- Provide information on crop-livestock integration, optimizing animal living conditions, grazing and pasture management, compliance with NOP requirements for organic livestock, and procurement or on-farm production of certified organic animal feed.
- Offer practical guidance on optimum use of manure, compost, organic fertilizers, and other inputs for production, soil health, and net returns, including:
 - Making the best use of on-farm and nearby nutrient resources.
 - Nutrient budgeting to meet crop needs without building excesses of P or other nutrients.
 - Minimizing both direct and environmental costs of organic inputs.
 - Integrating inputs with cover crops and rotations to enhance soil health.



- Provide technical assistance in building resilience to regional impacts of climate disruption through soil health and other organic practices.
- Provide technical assistance in establishing perennial buffer and habitat plantings to protect organic fields from NOP-prohibited substances, create habitat for pollinators and other beneficials, control erosion, and provide other conservation benefits.
- Provide spaces for farmers to bring their questions to researchers during field days, providing lightly structured conservation circles or other similar options.
- Since farmers' #1 source of information is other farmers, make sure your event has time for attendees to talk to each other. This can be as simple as building in 15-minute breaks between sessions or before/after lunch.

Phase 2 - Establish Event Details

Events of all scales have many moving parts. Create a checklist to track resources, activities, and service procurement.



Create a Schedule of Activities

Creating a schedule of activities is an important step for keeping your team on track in the planning process, identifying needed resources and materials, and coordinating with speakers, staff, and vendors.

- We recommend having a shared system to keep all planning team members on the same page.
- Create a public-facing schedule of field day events and activities.
- Create or use a [checklist](#) and/or a [“tick-tock” timeline](#) and list of duties for staff, including event set up, day of operations, and break down.

Click the images at right or the links above to access editable resources that can be used to create a field day timeline or checklist for your event.

FIELD DAY TIMELINE

Línea de Tiempo de los días de campo					
(Nombre del evento)					
(Fecha, hora)					
(Ubicación)					
Antes del evento					
Marca de tiempo	Tarea	Tiempo necesario	Materiales necesarios	Persona de contacto	Notas
3/1/2025	Assemble planning team & delegate tasks	1 hora	Línea de tiempo	Jesse	La reunión inicial está programada para 00:00/0000
3/1/2025	Revisar la documentación de días de campo y eventos pasados	1 hora	Encuestas pasadas	Pat	Enlace a encuestas enviadas a Pat
Durante el evento					
Marca de tiempo	Tarea	Tiempo necesario	Materiales necesarios	Persona de contacto	Notas
8:00-00 AM	Configuración para registro y mesa de alimentos/bebidas	1 hora	Línea de tiempo	Jesse	La reunión inicial está programada para 00:00/0000
9:30-00 AM	Garantizar operaciones fluidas a medida que los asistentes llegan y se registran	1 hora	Encuestas pasadas	Pat	Enlace a encuestas enviadas a Pat
10:00-00 AM	Hora de inicio oficial				
Después del evento					
Marca de tiempo	Tarea	Tiempo necesario	Materiales necesarios	Persona de contacto	Notas

FIELD DAY CHECKLIST:

Field Day Planning Timeline and Checklist	
3-4 months before the field day	Logistics - Assemble planning team & delegate tasks - Review documentation of past field days & events - Select location, date, and time - Outline contingency plan & rain date - Secure funding & create budget - Set attendance capacity (min. & max.) - Inventory resources/materials needed (e.g. portable toilets, food services, A/V equipment, tents, tables, chairs) - Obtain liability/event insurance and event permits - Identify needed vendors, services, and additional staff (e.g. photographer, cleanup, waste disposal, parking & information attendants)
	Program - Identify target audience & determine priority interests - Select theme & topics - Contact & confirm speakers - List educational & program materials needed - Identify media & marketing outlets (e.g. social media, local news, farm bulletins)
	Outreach - Send invitations to key community members - Contact NRCS Extension and partner organizations - Create media calendar & deadlines - Create event webpage & registration form - Develop digital flyer and social media graphics (include hashtags, QR codes, and links to event webpage)
2 months before (cont'd on next page)	Logistics - Coordinate with vendors/exhibitors (request proof of required licenses & permits) - Launch event registration & monitor ticket sales - Order all event rentals and materials - Create an event day schedule - Finalize event day staffing & assign duties - Finalize event map - Review and update emergency plans and supplies (inventory first aid kit)

Prepare Speakers & Staff

- Schedule an event walk-through with all staff and speakers in the week prior to your event.
- Set a deadline for speakers to share their final presentation materials, ideally the week prior.
- Develop and implement speaker contracts to avoid last-minute cancellations.
- Recruit backup speakers/presenters in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Coordinate Vendors, Exhibitors, & Service Providers

Once you have identified any vendors, community partners, or other service providers for your event, create a contract/agreement to ensure that all parties are aligned. This should include details regarding set up/clean up, timing, services provided, payments, and documentation of required permits and licenses. Examples of vendors and service providers you may wish to contact include:

- Organizational partners for added capacity/support
- Photographer/videographer
- Translator(s)
- Waste management services
- Information & parking staff
- Printing and signage services
- Event rentals (tents, tables, chairs, a/v equipment, stage)
- Catering/food vendors

Assemble Materials and Equipment

- Audio/Visual equipment (rental?)
- Tent or canopy (rain plan?)
- Portable restrooms
- Signage
- Waste management (compost, recycling, garbage)
- Tables & chairs
- Protective gear for audience and speakers (depending on activity, e.g. chemical or mechanical demonstrations?)



Presenters pass around a microphone at a field day presented by the Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK).

Phase 3 - Event Outreach

Market the event to maximize attendance, create buzz, and ensure all audiences are targeted effectively and equitably.



Marketing Your Field Day

A successful field day event requires sufficient communications about its happening and why. Consider including the following information in communications:

- Date, start and end time, location
- Registration info/deadline
- Event scale (limited attendance?)
- Topics/themes
- Notable speakers, vendors, presenters, exhibitors
- Offerings (what will they get from this event?)
- Activities

☀ **Personally invite key partners and influencers, ask for help spreading the word.**

☀ **Event website:**

- ✦ Have information for future events to plant the seed early with your audience.
- ✦ Provide IOS, Google, and Outlook calendar event links.

☀ **Social media:**

- ✦ Start early to create buzz.
- ✦ Diversify to reach wider audiences.

☀ **Send alerts to partner organizations' newsletters.**

☀ **Place physical signage in location where your audience will see it.**

☀ **Press release:**

- ✦ Local news outlets
- ✦ Grower/Industry Publications

☀ **Email newsletters & listservs.**

☀ **Eventbrite or other registration tool for estimating attendees.**

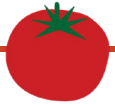
- ✦ Collect photo releases from attendees during registration.

To increase attendance among your target audience, consider incentivizing registration or social media engagement. Examples of motivational incentives include:

- Raffle of agricultural tools/products/services with registration or social media engagement.
- Free technical service counseling.
- Free or discounted admission to beginning, certified organic, or transitioning producers.

Phase 4 - Implementation

Engage the audience with best practices, build your audience for future events, and follow up with partners to articulate impact.



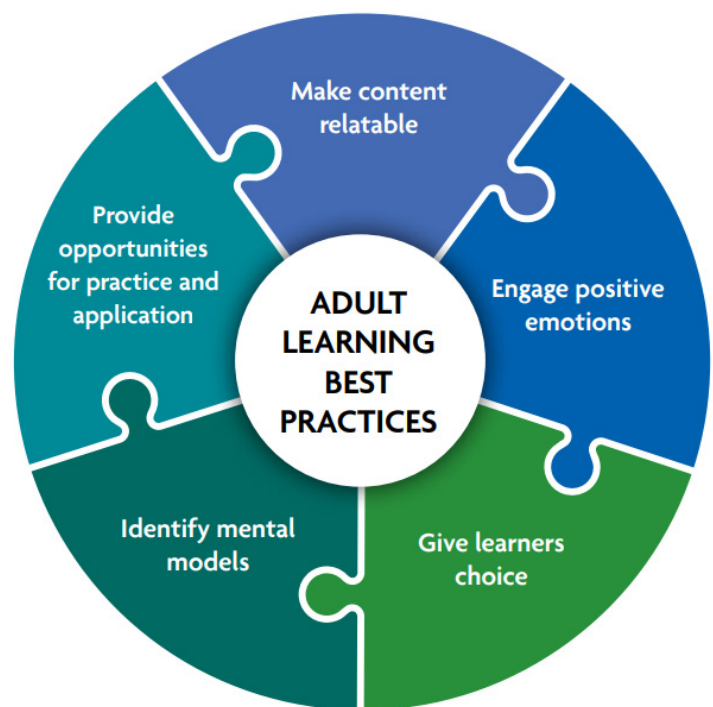
During the Field Day

Use best practices for adult learning. [Sustainable Agriculture Through Sustainable Learning](#) from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) outlines five best practices:

1) Make content relatable:

- When a new topic is introduced, speakers can ask “How many of you have experience with ___?”
- Before the event, ask 1-2 farmers to come prepared to speak about their experiences with the topic and to take questions from attendees.
- Ask, “Does anyone have experience with what we just talked about and want to share?”
- Have participants share their best and worst experiences and lessons learned about content with each other in pairs or small groups.

Five Best Practices for Adult Learning



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2) Engage positive emotions of joy

- Allow participants to share where they came from, why they came, and what they hope to take away.
- Present relatable but startling or fun facts, interject a humorous photo or graph or story, and switch from presentation to small group or partner discussions.
- Pass an object around.
- Create and take a poll and discuss results.

3) Give learners choice:

- Invite feedback from farmers about the agenda and content.
- Give participants opportunities to choose other participants to speak to.

4) Identify the mental models of farmers in your audience:

Mental models are unique combinations of knowledge and unconscious biases related to a topic, such as farming. They can impact how people learn. Questions can help an educator or presenter understand the mental models of participants:

- What do you find most challenging about...? Why is this challenging?
- What is the key factor for success with...? Can you tell us more about the factor?
- What is one thing that would make this new practice work for you?

5) Provide opportunities for practice and application:

- Present fictitious scenarios or real-life case studies for participants to discuss and work through together.

Build your audience for future events:

- Collect emails/contact info from attendees.
- Use this as an opportunity to build your audience and partnerships (have take-home materials ready in multiple formats, including QR code).
- Have a check-in/info booth.
- Take suggestions for future field days through tools like a survey, suggestions box, or an open discussion space with organizational staff.

After the field day:

- Follow up with vendors, partners, and attendees to celebrate your success and share highlights/photos from the event,
- Encourage photo sharing/reflections from audience through social media.

Resources

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) - The Farmer Field Day Toolkit & Sustainable Agriculture through Sustainable Learning: An Educator's Guide to Best Practices for Adult Learning

Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) - National Organic Research Agenda (NORA)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

Arkansas

- **NERREC Rice and Soybean Field Day.** July 30, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Harrisburg, AR. Hosted by the University of Arkansas. [Register here.](#)
- **Rice Research & Extension Center Field Day.** August 6, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stuttgart, AR. Hosted by the University of Arkansas. [Register here.](#)

Illinois

- **Tile to Tap Field Day.** June 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cornell, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership. [Register here.](#)
- **Urban Ag Field Day.** June 25, 6-8 p.m. Matteson, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **Lee County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** June 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Niles Township, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Register here.](#)
- **Soil Heath and Economic Stability.** June 30. Green Garden Township, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Learn more.](#)
- **From Farm to Faucet Field Day.** June 30, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mattoon, IL. Hosted by the Farmer-Led Advances in Soil Health (FLASH). [Register here.](#)
- **Reducing Applied Inputs After Years of Building Soil Health.** July 1, 4-6 p.m. Galva, IL. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI). [Register here.](#)
- **Five-Year Cover Crop Project in Knox County.** July 1. Knox County, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Learn more.](#)
- **Dixon Springs Agricultural Center Field Day 2026.** July 14, 5-8 p.m. Simpson, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **Agronomy Farm Field Day 2026.** July 16, 3-6:15 p.m. Heyworth, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Soybean Association. [Register here.](#)
- **Swede Midge and IPM Field Day.** July 21, 6-8 p.m. Chicago, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Ewing Agronomy Field Day.** July 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ewing, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Seed to Spirit Field Day.** July 24, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Paxton, IL. Hosted by Rodale Institute. [Register here.](#)
- **Cover Crops and Carbon Sequestration.** July 25, 12-2 p.m. Washington County, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Learn more.](#)
- **Monitoring Nitrate Dynamics.** July 27. Walnut, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Learn more.](#)
- **Will County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** July 30. Stockton, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Register here.](#)
- **Clinton County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** August 8. Breese, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Register here.](#)
- **Produce Safety in the City.** August 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Chicago, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **Wayne County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** August 20.. Fairfield, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

- **Diversifying Crop Rotations on a Western Illinois Farm.** August 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Astoria, IL. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Fitting Pieces Together: Creative Crop Rotations To Complete the Puzzle.** September 3, 4-6 p.m. Earlville, IL. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Jo Daviess County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** September 11. Stockton, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Register here.](#)
- **LaSalle County Nutrient Stewardship Summer Field Day.** September 11. La Salle County, IL. Hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau. [Register here.](#)
- **Growing Quality Blooms.** September 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Skokie, IL. Hosted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Register here.](#)
- **Building Out Farm Infrastructure.** October 6, 2:30-5 p.m. Beaverville, IL. Hosted by the Midwest Vegetable Growers Network. [Register here.](#)

Indiana

- **Soil Ecology Workshop.** June 24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. DuBois, IN. Hosted by the Indiana Forage Council and the Indiana Beef Cattle Association. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day.** July 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lafayette, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Turf & Landscape Field Day.** July 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. West Lafayette, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Small Farm Education Field Day.** July 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. West Lafayette, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Northern Indiana Organic Field Day.** August 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nappanee, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **Farmer-to-Farmer Organic Field Day.** August 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kokomo, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **Field Day: Pinney Purdue Agricultural Center.** August 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wanatah, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **NEPAC Field Day.** September 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Columbia City, IN. Hosted by Purdue Extension. [Register here.](#)

Iowa

- **Creating a Haven for Grassland Birds Through Habitat Restoration and Nature-Inspired Grazing Practices.** June 23, 9-11:30 a.m. Lovilia, IA. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI). [Register here.](#)
- **Overcoming Challenges and Finding Opportunities for Growth on an Organic Farm.** June 26, 4-6 p.m. Wesley, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Managed Grazing 101.** June 27, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ames, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Soil Health and Diversified Systems at Blue Gate Farm.** June 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chariton, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

- **Conserve and Economize: Drainage Water Recycling and Double-Cropping With M&M Farms.** June 30, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lytton, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Easterseals Garden Field Day.** June 30, 4-7 p.m. Des Moines, IA. Hosted by Iowa State University. [Register here.](#)
- **Midwest Organic Center Field Day.** July 7, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Marion, IA. Hosted by Rodale Institute. [Register here.](#)
- **Ventures With Seed: Building a Seed Conditioning Business.** July 9, 1-5:30 p.m. Carroll, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Urban Farming for Pollinators & People at Lillyland Farm.** July 10, 6-8 p.m. Des Moines, IA. Hosted by Iowa State University. [Register here.](#)
- **Oats and Drones: Transforming a Farm, Two Steps at a Time.** July 14, 3-5 p.m. Osage, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Expanding Cover Crop Impact: Seed Production and Reduced Inputs.** July 15, 5-7 p.m. Bennett, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **High Tunnels and Wholesale: Organic Vegetables at Bridgewater Farm.** July 15, 4-6 p.m. Bridgewater, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Trying and Promoting Soil Health and Water Quality Practices in Northern Iowa.** July 16, 5-7 p.m. Wallingford, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Petite Prairies: Small-Scale Blooms, Big Benefits for Pollinators.** July 17, 9-11 a.m. Prairie City, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Starting a Cover Crop Business, Flying Drones and Seeding Covers.** July 20, 1-3 p.m. Prairie City, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Kernza, Sunflowers and Oats: Seeking Financial and Agronomic Sustainability.** July 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cambridge, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Conservation in Action on a Multigenerational Family Farm.** July 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. West Branch, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Hands-On Honey and Beeswax Processing.** July 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mount Vernon, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Considering Cover Crops? Species, Mixes and Support To Meet Your Farm's Needs.** July 28, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Irwin, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Grazing for a Goal.** July 29, 3-5 p.m. Larchwood, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Measuring and Interpreting Soil Health Benefits.** July 30, 3-5:30 p.m. Prairie City, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Cleaning Water With Edge-of-Field Practices for Watersheds and Wildlife.** August 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cedar Rapids, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Grazing CRP for Beginning Farmers.** August 4, 4-6 p.m. Harper, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Good Vegetables and More at GoodEetens Produce Farm.** August 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boyden, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Producing Practical and Useful Cattle.** August 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Manning, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

- **New Beginnings: Cover Crops as an Essential Part of Transitioning Land to Horticulture.** August 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fairfield, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Restoring Oxbows To Improve Water Quality on Farms: The Example of White Fox Creek.** August 15, 9-11 a.m. Fairfield, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **A Practical Farm Family's Journey: Sustaining a Legacy of Stewardship.** August 22, 2-5 p.m. Harlan, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Making Sheep Pencil Out.** August 22, 3-5 p.m. Ossian, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Launching a Mushroom Business From a Renovated Hog Barn.** August 27, 1-3 p.m. Radcliffe, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Boosting a Farm's Resiliency Through Cover Crops and Crop Rotations.** August 27, 4-6 p.m. Marengo, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Using Data for Informed Decision-Making in Northwest Iowa.** August 31, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sioux Rapids, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Establishing Native Historical Prairie Through Targeted Seed Selection.** September 1, 9-11 a.m. Coon Rapids, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Plum Ridge Fruit Farm's Favorite Pear Varieties: Results of an Ongoing Variety Trial and More.** September 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Decorah, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Cover Crops, Cattle and Corn Cobs.** September 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monticello, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Making Conservation Programs Work for You.** September 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Red Oak, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Getting Back To the Land: A Farmer's Efforts To Improve Soil Health and Water Quality Through No-Till, Covers and Livestock.** September 12, 1-3 p.m. Waverly, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Hands-On With Hemp: Creating Value-Added Products.** September 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homestead, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Building Soil Health With Cover Crops and Livestock for Vegetable Production.** September 27, 1-3 p.m. Solon, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Increasing a Northeast Iowa Farm's Resiliency by Adapting Practices and Equipment.** October 24, 1-3 p.m. Farmersburg, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Cover Crops and Conservation Across All Acres.** November 3, 12-3 p.m. Oskaloosa, IA. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)

Kentucky

- **Blooms, Bees and Biodiversity for Thriving Farms.** July 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Frankfort, KY. Hosted by the Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK) and Kentucky State University. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Summer Farm Field Days.** July 14 & 15. Owenton, KY. Hosted by the Kentucky Dairy Development Council. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

- **Agroforestry, Regenerative Organics and Community Food Resilience.** August 6, 4-7 p.m. Mount Vernon, KY. Hosted by OAK. [Register here.](#)
- **Appropriate Technology Field Day: Seeding and Transplanting Systems for Various Scales.** August 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lexington, KY. Hosted by OAK and the University of Kentucky's Center for Crop Diversification. [Register here.](#)
- **Working with Nature and Creativity in Conservation.** September 3, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ewing, KY. Hosted by OAK. [Register here.](#)
- **Whole Farm Diversity: Perennials, Pollinators and Community.** October 3, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lexington, KY. Hosted by OAK. [Register here.](#)
- **Raising Sheep, Marketing Lamb and Conserving Farmland.** October 26, 1-4 p.m. Lexington, KY. Hosted by OAK. [Register here.](#)

Michigan

- **W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest Invasive Species Field Day.** June 24, 1:30-4 p.m. Augusta, MI. Hosted by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **MSU Weed Tour 2026.** June 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lansing, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **TOPP Farm Tours.** July 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Whitmore Lake, MI. Hosted by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Soil Life is Farm Life Day 1.** July 28, 12 p.m. Eben Junction, MI. Hosted by Alger Conservation District. [Register here.](#)
- **Soil Life is Farm Life Day 2.** July 29, 9 a.m. Chatham, MI. Hosted by Alger Conservation District. [Register here.](#)
- **37th Annual Michigan Viticulture Field Day & 3rd Annual Michigan Enology Experience.** July 29-30. Benton Harbor, MI. Hosted by the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center. [Register here.](#)
- **Farm Tour: Organic Value-Added and Agritourism Farms.** July 31, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sodus, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Montcalm County Field Day.** August 6, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lakeview, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension and the Michigan Potato Industry Commission. [Register here.](#)
- **Farm Tour: Explore Farm-to-Institution Markets.** August 11, 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Muskegon, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Twilight Tour.** August 12, 5-8 p.m. Chatham, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **Farming for the Future Field Day.** August 13. Hart, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **Bean and Beet Field Day.** August 18. Frankenmuth, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Learn more.](#)
- **Field Day: Farming for People, Purpose, and Profit.** August 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Petoskey, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Field Day at the MSU Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center.** August 18. Traverse City, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Field Days in the Midwest

- **Washtenaw Field Day: Getting the Dirt on Soil Tests.** August 28. Ann Arbor, MI. Hosted by the Washtenaw County Conservation District. [Register here.](#)
- **U.P. Potato Field Day.** September 1, 4-7 p.m. Rock, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension and the Michigan Potato Industry Commission. [Learn more.](#)
- **Kellogg Biological Station LTAR Field Day.** September 3, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hickory Corners, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Great Lakes Tek Flex.** September 10-11. Benton Harbor, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day.** September 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Benton Harbor, MI. Hosted by MSU Extension. [Register here.](#)

Minnesota

- **Changemaker Field Day with Sharing Our Roots.** August 6, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Northfield, MN. Hosted by Marbleseed. [Register here.](#)
- **Letting the Land Provide for Livestock.** August 7, 4-6 p.m. Blue Earth, MN. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI). [Register here.](#)
- **Dan and the Giant Peach: Growing High Tunnel Peaches in Northern Minnesota.** August 19, 1-3 p.m. Shafer, MN. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)
- **Farming for Habitat: How Precision Conservation Can Work for Farmers and Wildlife.** September 26, 9-11:30 a.m. Austin, MN. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)

Missouri

- **From Silage to Silvopasture: Regenerative Forage and Feed at Cope Grass Farms.** July 16, 4-6 p.m. Truxton, MO. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI). [Register here.](#)
- **Sheep and Cover Crops Working Together Toward Resilience.** August 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monroe City, MO. Hosted by PFI. [Register here.](#)

Ohio

- **Farmers for Soil Health - Seeing in Believing Field Day.** June 23, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. McCutchenville, Ohio. Hosted by The Conservation Action Project (CAP). [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Ohio 4R Technology Review Field Day.** June 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Hosted by Ohio State University (OSU) Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Native Warm Season Grass Workshop.** June 23, 6 p.m. Chillicothe, Ohio. Hosted by OSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Agronomy Morning in Paulding County.** June 25, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Paulding, Ohio. Hosted by OSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Tree Nuts Farm Tour.** June 27, 1-3 p.m. Pataskala, Ohio. Hosted by The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA). [Register here.](#)
- **Weed Science Field Day.** July 8. South Charleston, Ohio. Hosted by OSU Extension. [Register here.](#)

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- **Composting Facility Tour.** July 11, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lorain, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Manure Science Review.** July 22. Stein, Ohio. Hosted by OSU Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Poultry Processing Facility Tour.** July 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holgate, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **Tomato Success Under Cover: Growing in High Tunnels.** July 24, 3:30-5 p.m. Cleveland, Ohio. Hosted by Ag Futures Cleveland. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Grains Tour.** August 1, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Leipsic, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **Soil Health and Water Management Field Day.** August 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Lima, Ohio. Hosted by The Ohio State University. [Register here.](#)
- **Bowyer Farm Agrivoltaics Tour.** August 29, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mason, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **High-Tunnel Tomato Production.** September 8, 2:30-5 p.m. Cleveland, OH. Hosted by The Midwest Vegetable Growers Network. [Register here.](#)
- **Inside the Market Garden Tour.** September 12, 1-3 p.m. Xenia, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **Urban Food Forest Tour.** September 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Marietta, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **Farm Food in the City Tour.** October 17, 3:30-5 p.m. Cincinnati, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)
- **Ohio Soil Health Week Farm Tour.** November 10, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Luckey, Ohio. Hosted by OEFFA. [Register here.](#)

Tennessee

- **2026 Tobacco, Beef and More Field Day.** June 25. Springfield, TN. Hosted by University of Tennessee (UT) Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Milan No-Till Field Day.** July 23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Milan, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Hort, Hops, and Crops Field Day.** August 13, 8 a.m. Knoxville, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Steak and Potatoes Field Day.** August 20, 8 a.m. Crossville, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Cotton Tour.** September 9, 9:30 a.m. Jackson, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Soy Bean and Disease Field Day.** September 10, 9:30 a.m. Milan, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Precision Livestock Farming: Beef & Forage Systems Field Day.** September 22 & 23. Spring Hill, TN. Hosted by UT Extension. [Register here.](#)

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Wisconsin

- **Organic Cranberry Field Day at James Lake Farms.** June 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three Lakes, WI. Hosted by Marbleseed. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Cereals Field Walk.** June 22, 4 p.m. Verona, WI. Hosted by University of Wisconsin (UW) – Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Forage Field Day.** July 9, 12 p.m. Stratford, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Hancock Potato Research Field Day.** July 13, 1 p.m. Verona, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **2026 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days.** July 14, 15, & 16. Stratford, WI. Hosted by Wisconsin Farm Technology Day. [Register here.](#)
- **Rhineland Field Day.** July 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rhineland, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Organic Potato Production Field Day at Igl Farms.** July 30, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Antigo, WI. Hosted by Marbleseed. [Register here.](#)
- **Raised Bed Urban Farming.** August 4, 2:30-5 p.m. Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by the Midwest Vegetable Growers Network. [Register here.](#)
- **Commercial Growers of Wisconsin Field Day.** August 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Verona, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **No Till, No Spray, No Weeds & Experiences in Organic Field Day.** August 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arlington, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Cover Cropping & No-Till Management.** August 18, 2:30-5 p.m. Hollandale, WI. Hosted by the Midwest Vegetable Growers Network. [Register here.](#)
- **UW Organic Research Field Day.** August 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arlington, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Hemp Field Day.** August 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Arlington, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Agronomy and Soils Field Day.** August 26. Arlington, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Wisconsin Extension Weed Management Workshop.** September 2. Arlington, WI. Hosted by UW-Madison Extension. [Register here.](#)
- **Marbleseed in the Field.** September 19, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Waukesha, WI. Hosted by Marbleseed. [Learn more.](#)
- **Diversifying a Wisconsin Dairy Farm With Small Grains, Cover Crops and Forage Mixes.** October 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Brandon, WI. Hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI). [Register here.](#)