

# NOFA-NJ WINTER CONFERENCE PROGRAM

7:15 - 8:30 Check-in, Registration, and Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome & Announcements

8:45 - 10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: JOHN JEAVONS

## SESSION # 1

10:30 - 11:30

### **Gardens and Meadows for Native Pollinators, Birds, and Butterflies**

*Tama Matsuoka, Meadows and More*

### **Cutting Edge Research in Organics**

*Jeff Moyer, Rodale Institute*

### **What is Farm to School?**

*Beth Feehan, Sal Valenza*

### **New Approach to Community Development: Water Buffalo & Mozzarella Cheese,**

*Courtney Foley, Meadow Breeze Farm*

### **The Food Safety Modernization Act**

*Wesley Kline, RCE*

### **Urban Growing in New Jersey**

*Meredith Taylor, Isles*

## SESSION # 2

11:45 - 12:45

### **Lacto-Fermentation**

### **Weed the Soil, Not the Crop**

*Anne and Eric Nordell, Beech Grove Farm*

### **Moss Alternative to Lawns**

*Dave Benner*

### **Models for Kids and Youth Farm Programs**

*Larry Kuzer, Fernbrook Farms  
Pam Mount, Terhune Orchards*

### **Perennial Warm Season Grasses for Bioenergy and Value Added Products**

*Zane R. Helsel, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE)*

### **Grow the Movement— Empowering our Collective Voice for Change,**

*David Glenn & Shelly Glenn, NOFA-NJ*

## SESSION # 3

2:30 - 3:30

### **Manage for Hard-to-Control Diseases**

*Andy Wyenandt, RCE  
Wesley Kline, RCE*

### **Seasonal Eating, An Ayurvedic View**

*Nancy Smith, Essence of Self*

### **The Whole Word on Seed Saving**

*Adam Forbes, Thomas J. Watson Fellow*

### **Making Hay Pay (High Quality Hay Best Suited to NJ)**

### **Function and Utilization of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi**

*David Douds, USDA, ARS*

### **Pastured Poultry Egg Production**

*Rob Thompson, Herdsperson, Thanksgiving Farm, Center for Discovery*

## SESSION # 4

3:45 - 5:00

### **Seed Starting Made Easy**

**Raw Milk: Facts and Fiction**  
*David Gumpert*

### **At Home Meat Processing**

*Matt Wilkinson*

### **How to Get a Piece of the Farm Bill**

*Tim Dunne, USDA-NRCS*

### **Bee Free: Keeping Honeybees & Native Pollinators Healthy**

*Charlie Toth, Beekeeper  
Rachel Winfree, RCE*

### **Key Ingredients to a Successful Farm Market**

*Stacey Antine, HealthBarn USA  
Meg Metz, Dvoor Farm Market*