



The 2022 Organic Field Day season is upon us. Field days are offered for free, unless noted, to provide farmers with practical organic production education and connection.



Adding Small-scale Dairy Processing for Farm Diversity June 18 | Oxheart Farm | Hager City, Wis. Hear how Cella and Emmett added a small, dairy cow herd and on-farm, Grade A creamery to their existing CSA model farm business. The day will include a tour of silvopastures, their seasonal milking parlor, and a Grade A dairy plant. Direct marketing, navigating the regulatory process for starting a dairy plant will also be discussed. This field day is supported by funds from NCR SARE. [Learn more and register.](#)



Pollinator Habitat in Apple Orchards July 16 | Sapsucker Farm | Mora, Minn. Join pollinator biologist Sarah Foltz Jordan of the Xerces Society, and farmers Jim & Debbie Morrison of Sapsucker Farm for a buzz-worthy field day focused on pollinator habitat in an orchard setting. Tour the farm from the perspective of a bumble bee, looking at foraging & nesting resources, protection from pesticides, and the many innovative habitat strategies that Sapsucker Farm has employed. [Learn more and register.](#)



Crop Rotations on a Large-Scale Organic Farm July 21 | Johnson Farms | Madison, S.D. Join 2013 MOSES Farmer of the Year Charlie Johnson and his family for their annual field day and bus tour in South Dakota! Learn how the importance of good crop rotations in an organic system and grazing contribute to resilient, healthy soil. Oat trials in their fourth year, conducted by SDSU on the Johnson Farm, will also be one of the bus tour stops. Lunch will also be provided. [Learn more and register.](#)



Hughes Farms Field Day July 27 | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Hughes Farms | 4031 S. US Hwy 51, Janesville, WI 53546 This field day will highlight the diversity and innovations at the Hughes Farm in Janesville, WI. Farming over 5000 acres in a parallel operation consisting of both conventional and organic practices, the Hughes have succeeded in developing diverse rotations and markets. This field day, in partnership with Marbleseed (formerly known as MOSES), will discuss and showcase the various innovations on the farm related to the diversity of crops included in the crop rotation. [Learn more and register.](#)



Cover Crops & Vegetable Production on an Incubator Farm July 31 | Kilimo MN | Lino Lakes, Minn. Come visit Kilimo Minnesota, a three-to-five-year training program that is uniquely situated to give emerging farmers an opportunity to learn vegetable growing techniques and business skills in a new climate, country, and culture. Field day attendees will learn and connect with emerging farmers, walk through their many ¼-acre to 1-acre plots of vegetables, and learn about different cultural crops grown alongside the Minnesota crops. This field day is supported by funds from NCR SARE.

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Gitigaaning Farm & Manoomin Tour August 20 | Gitigaaning Farm | Cloquet, Minn. Join us for a tour of two incredible agricultural sites of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa! Visit Perch Lake to learn about manoomin (wild rice) and the importance of treaties in tribal food sovereignty, including the management, production, and marketing aspects of manoomin. Gitigaaning, which means "the place of the gardens" in the Ojibwe language, is a 36-acre farm with a growing dome, orchard, berry patch, pollinator plantings, and four acres open to the growers of the Bimaaji'idiwin Producer Training Program. This field day is supported by NIFA, USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. [Learn more and register.](#)



First Generation Farm Start-Up August 27 | Naima's Farm | Alexandria, Minn. This field day will highlight the journey of Naima's Farm from the beginning to current transition. Naima and her husband will share the challenges they both experienced in regard to land access for an immigrant farmer and share more about their expanding farm business. This field day is supported by NIFA, USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. [Learn more and register.](#)



Urban Growers Collective Farm Tours September 17 | South Chicago Farm | Chicago, Ill. Join the MOSES 2022 Changemaker Award recipients as we tour two of their farms. Urban Growers Collective is a Black- and women-led non-profit farm in Chicago, Illinois working to build a more just and equitable local food system. Come see their well-established South Chicago Farm, and a newer farm project close by called Green Era Urban Farm and Renewable Energy Campus that will support local compost development. This field day is supported by NIFA, USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. [Learn more and register.](#)