New Mexico Organic Farming Conference 2017

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
& SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM
The 2017 New Mexico Organic Farming Conference
an annual opportunity for farmers, ranchers and researchers from around the Southwest to share their experiences and expertise. Please join us!

Friday, February 17 – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 18 – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Taos Roasters Organic Coffee
Toucan Market
Veritable Vegetable
Paul Muller and Dru Rivers have farmed organically with their 4 children in the Capay Valley for the past 32 years. They are joined on the farm by partners Judith Redmond, Andrew Brait, son Amon Muller and wife Jenna Muller and some 80 full time employees.

Over this time, Full Belly has strived to evolve a farm system that would serve as a healthy alternative to the current farm models. As partners in Full Belly Farm, a 450-acre diversified organic farm, they have helped create a farm focused on local/regional marketing; diverse cropping patterns; ecological health and diversity; Soil building; Carbon sequestration through cover crop management; innovative market strategies; growing new farmers through internships and new farm enterprises; and fostering vibrancy and beauty.

Each year, the farm produces some 80 different crops including fruits, flowers, nuts, and vegetables, and has integrated chickens, cattle and a 250 sheep herd into the farm system.

Paul has served on the boards of Yolo Land Trust, California Certified Organic Farmers, Capay Valley Vision and SAGE. He was a participant in California’s Ag Vision, Noble Foundation’s Soil Health Initiative and the Farm Foundation’s Dialogue on Agriculture.

Dru is a founding force behind the Ecological Farming Association. Together they have been honored with the Ecological Farming Association Susti award; the Pedro Illich award for Small Farmers of the Year from the UCD Small Farm Center; and were the 2006 Western Region winner Patrick Madden Award for Sustainable Farming Practices. The farm also received the prestigious Aldo Leopold Award in 2014 for outstanding conservation measures practiced on the farm.

They have helped to organize and moderate the Agriculture Roundtable series in the Capay Valley to develop a regional agricultural strategic plan.

The farm is visited by thousands of visitors each year to tour a working organic farm.

Paul, Dru and Partners share a love for creating beautiful, productive, and healthy farms -- and for the ongoing evolution of farmers and farm design towards ecologically stable, biologically vibrant and economically viable enterprises. Their Farm is the home of 30 years of raucous celebration of rural living at their annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival, attracting over 6000 participants annually and raising funds for local rural non-profit organizations.
2003
Friend of Organic Agriculture:
Bruce Gollub and Leah Morton

2004
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Connie Falk

2006
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Ron Walser
Farmer of the Year
Sharlene Grunerud and Michael Alexander

2007
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Sarah Grant
Educator of the Year: Carol Sutherland
Farmer of the Year
Molly and Antonio Manzanares
Good Earth Award: Betty and Walt Lea

2008
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Marsha Mason, Del Jimenez, Craig Mapel
Educator of the Year: Gordon Tooley
Farmer of the Year
Sally Harper
Good Earth Award: Johnny Lieb

2009
Friend of Organic Agriculture: La Montanita Coop, Le Adams, Joanie Quinn
Educator of the Year: Les Crowder
Farmer of the Year
Norma and Dosi Alvarez
Good Earth Award: Trenton Wann and Barbara Hawn

2010
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Brett Bakker
Educator of the Year: Ron Godin
Farmer of the Year
Nancy Coonridge
Good Earth Award: Nolina Bryant

2011
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Miley Gonzales
Educator of the Year: Nancy Flores
Farmer of the Year: Don Bustos
Good Earth Award: Christina and Tomas Apodaca

2012
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Silver City Food Co-op
Educator of the Year: Tess Grasswitz
Farmer of the Year
Sage and Shane Faulkner
Good Earth Award: Steve Heil

2013
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Monte Skarsgard
Educator of the Year: John Idowu, Kulbhushan Grover
Farmer of the Year
Loretta and David Fresquez
Good Earth Award: Amanda & Eli Burgione

2014
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Cid Backer, Patrick Torres
Educator of the Year: Robin Seydel
Farmer of the Year
Heidi Eleftheriou
Good Earth Award: Lorenzo Candelaria
Young Farmer: Mike DeSmet

2015
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Colleen & Fred Hinker
Educator of the Year: Deb Ingersoll
Farmer of the Year
Johnny McMullin
Good Earth Award: Mesa Ruiz
Young Farmer of the Year: Brittanie Lynch & Derek Jones

2016
Friend of Organic Agriculture: Michael Diaz
Farmer of the Year
Mary and Tom Dixon
Educator: Joran Viers
Good Earth: Abe Froese
Young: Nery Martinez
Abe Froese receives the Good Earth award in 2016 at New Mexico Organic Farming Conference held in Albuquerque.

Mary and Tom Dixon were awarded Organic Farmers of the Year in 2016.

Nery Young was named the Young Organic Farmer of the Year.
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2017 Organic Farming Conference Sessions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
8:30 – 10:00am

Cancun - Got Weeds
Dr. Leslie Beck, NMSU Extension Weed Specialist, is going to help us identify weeds and talk about management. See what Integrated Pest Management looks like from the ground up.

Coronado/Cozumel - Small Tools
Join Jeff Anderson, Dona Ana County Extension Agricultural Agent and Ron Boyd, of Mer-Girl Gardens, in an interesting discussion of small tool innovation and use: learn how to make work easier by finding the right instrument for the job at hand.

Kokopelli - Grafting
Join Gordon Tooley, of Tooleys Trees, and New Mexico’s own tree whisperer as he tells us the amazing science behind grafting and what makes it work.

Las Cruces/Santa Fe – Cost Share Opportunities
Changes in certification for the NMDA-OP are being proposed as we speak, and there is no better time than now to learn the easy ins and outs of the cost share program through USDA. Elaine Padilla, NMDA-OP and Laura Harper, del Valle Pecans, will answer your questions about cost-share and how it can put dollars back in your pockets!

Taos – Building Statewide Network of Small Organic Farmers to Meet Demand of Institutional Markets Including Schools and Daycares
Sayrah Namaste, Co-Director American Friends Service Committee and Noberto Armijo, Farm Trainer with American Friends Service Committee will talk about a pilot program of networking farmers who are cooperatively selling produce to institutional markets in NM.

Yucatan – ID the Insects in your Veggies
Dr. Carol Sutherland, New Mexico State Entomologist, is bringing the bugs! Join her for the state’s top ten (or so) common pests; learn about host range, life cycle, biology and even IPM practices for each.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
10:30am – noon

Cancun – Chile
Red or Green isn’t just our state question, it is a state of mind. Learn from Matt Romero, certified organic chile grower, what works best when growing this veggie extraordinaire.

Coronado/Cozumel – Greenhouse Basics
Joseph Alfaro will share his lessons in greenhouse growing. Large or small, greenhouses can be a successful addition to your farm, this is the session to be at if you have or are thinking about adding a greenhouse.
Kokopelli – Saving NM Apple Varieties
Join Mesa Ruiz in an interesting session on the old apples and what he and others are doing to save them.

Las Cruces/Santa Fe – Soil Samples
Dr. Robert Flynn, Extension Agronomy and Soils Specialist and Superintendent of the NMSU Ag Science Center at Artesia, will tell us how to correctly take and prepare soil samples and share the basics of soil needs.
(this is the Prerequisite for the advanced session on Interpreting soil samples)

Taos – Employees and the Laws that You Need to Know
Lee McDaniel from the NM State Department of Labor, will address the regulations and management challenges of hiring folks on the farm.

Yucatan – Beneficial Bugs and Your Operation
Join Dr. Ashley Bennett, NMSU Small Urban Farm IPM Specialist, as she gives you the good bug story and what the most common friends of veggies are.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
1:30-3:00

Cancun – FSMA means Whaaat to Your Operation?
FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) is a challenging set of rules, particularly when combined with the organic rules. Bring your confusion and let Leaane Skelton, USDA and FDA, help you decipher what it means for you.

Coronado/Cozumel – Carbon Sequestration in Practice
Dr. David Johnson, Director Research Scientist/Molecular Biologist Institute for Sustainable Agricultural Research, NMSU, will focus on the practice and legal requirements of carbon sequestration.

Kokopelli – Interpreting Soil Sample Results (Advanced Session)
Dr. Robert Flynn tackles the practical interpretation of your soils samples (prerequisite: taking soil samples)

Las Cruces/Santa Fe – Managing Soil Fertility for High-Production Organic Agriculture
Benjamin Bartlett If improving your crop yield was as easy as putting more fertilizer, everyone would be farmer! Fertility management starts with soil health, the right inputs and good tillage practices; but what is good soil health? What are the right inputs? What does tillage have to do with fertility? Learn what it takes to profitably manage your crop inputs and build a sustainable soil system on a commercial agriculture scale.

Taos – Trellising
Kevin Lombard, Superintendent of NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Farmington, will share trellis experience, what works and what will leave you hanging.
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Yucatan - Hops
Dr. Rob Sirrine, Michigan State University Senior Extension Educator and co-founding member of the Great Lakes Hop Working Group will give an overview of hops production, including setup, trellising, fertility, pest and disease control and basic cost information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
3:30-5:00pm

Cancun - Flowers
Full Belly Farms is a flowerful operation, as well as an organic farm in the Capay Valley of Northern California, and Dru Rivers will lead this session on growing these beautiful and worthwhile additions to your farm.

Coronado/Cozumel - Certification... All You Need to Know
Join the NMDA-OP staff and certified organic producer Laura Harper as they walk you through the process of getting and staying certified organic.

Kokopelli - Cover Crops and Soil Health: A Critical Connection
The old saying goes something like, “If it was easy, everyone would be doing it!”; so, how do you make cover crop management easier? Benjamin Bartlett, soil nutritionist for Midwestern BioAg and graduate of NMSU, will dive into cover crop management and its important role in improving soil health.

Las Cruces/Santa Fe - Beekeeping
Join Heather Harrell, For the Love of Bees, as she shares the bee basics. No bee stings here, just lots of information on what you need to know!

Taos - Business Planning
Farming a business plan? Join Dr. Michael Patrick from NMSU Extension Economics Department as he explains how a plan can help your operation save money and time in the long run by building this part of your business! Bring questions and a notebook, you can start today!

Yucatan - Why Every Farmer Needs a Microscope!
Dr. Mary Lucero will bring her microscope and share with you why you need to look deeper into your soils to improve your farm from the roots up.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30 – 10:00am

Cancun – Rainwater Harvesting
Join Billy Kniffen, a favorite every year at the NMOFC, as he shows us practical ways on how to harvest rainwater.

Coronado/Cozumel – What are the Programs and How do I Get Involved?
A panel of the agencies and the programs available – this is a great place to find out about organic EQUIP, loans, insurance and more.

Kokopelli – Medicinal Herbs
Certified Organic farmers will share the how-to lessons on farming medicinal herbs in the Southwest. Join this session to see what might be a good fit for your farm.

Las Cruces/Santa Fe – A Field Guide to Producing Compost Tea that meets FSMA Standards
This panel of experts, Walter Dodds, John Garlisch, Dr. Fred Koster and Minor Morgan, will walk you through Compost Tea and how to keep it in line with the FSMA standards. This group will answer some of those harder questions about navigating the regulations and keeping it organic.

Taos – Large Acreage (Advanced Session)
Join this panel of large acreage farmers, Jamie Kulesa and Rene Pablo, as they address the unique production issues that crop up with large acreage outfits.
Prerequisite: Farm 100 acres or more.

Yucatan – Grapes
A panel of growers will share vine experience for all things grape and share the basics of their grape growing.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18
10:30-11:30

NETWORKING SESSIONS

Coronado/Cozumel – Crops
Join us for this unique opportunity to meet with other crop growers in a catalyst session for you all to come together and network, because knowing a few likeminded associates is never a bad thing!

Kokopelli – Livestock
The networking session for the livestock folks – this is the spot if you want to know who is trying what and where and how it works.
Santa Fe/Las Cruces – Native American Farmers
Here is the networking session for those with Native roots.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
3:00-4:30pm

Cancun – Tomatoes/The Love Fruit
This session will cover tomato production in the Southwest and all your deep-seeded tomato questions. Speakers to be announced.

Coronado/Cozumel – Potato, Potato, Potatoes
Organic tubers in reds, whites, yellows and more? There is so much to potato production and this is the place to learn what works. Speaker to be announced.

Kokopelli – Blue Corn
Dr. Richard Pratt will share his exciting Blue Corn trial results at NMSU. This exciting research is sure to leave you wanting to join in on the fun.

Las Cruces/Santa Fe – Seeds in the Future
Join Erica Renaud and others in a worthy discussion of what is needed to take seed saving to the next level at home and in the industry.

Taos – Dairy
Dustin Cox, NMSU, shares the ins and outs of dairy regulations. Interested in a little milk – this will be a great session to help you understand what all the red tape is.

Yucatan – Salinity and Plant Stress
Jim Verner, International Crop Advisor, will lead us through an interesting session that at some point every farmer faces. Bring your questions and be ready for this session on drought and the impact of salinity/stress.
How to get there
From the south: Take I-25, exit at Paseo del Norte, turn west over the highway and take an immediate left onto the Frontage Road heading south. The turnoff to the hotel is on the right. From the north: Take I-25, exit at Paseo del Norte to the Frontage Road heading south. The turnoff to the hotel is on the right.

Hotel Reservation Information
You must reserve by January 28th to get the special conference rate of $89 per night single or $103/night double. Some room types may not be available after early January, so make your reservations soon. Call the Marriott Pyramid: 1-800-228-9290 or (505) 821-3333 and say you are part of the 2017 Organic Farming Conference or email sagefaulkner@yahoo.com to get the URL.

Important Information
Certified Organic Producers Please Note: Exhibitors at the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference offer a wide range of products, some of which may not be allowed in certified organic production. If you are considering a product or input promoted at the conference, please ask the exhibitor for a copy of the OMRI listing for that product, or a current letter from your certifier stating the product has been approved for use by certified organic producers. Please contact your certifier to add the product to your Organic System Plan BEFORE use. If you have any questions please call (505) 841-9427.

Conference Volunteers Needed
We need a limited number of volunteers to help at the conference, at the registration table, and in other capacities. Volunteers work for one quarter of the conference during which time they will not be able to attend conference sessions. Volunteers receive a complimentary registration for the remainder of the conference. Farmers will be given preference for volunteer positions and will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. All others will be put on a waiting list from which any remaining volunteer slots will be filled on January 15th. These positions go fast. If you are interested, please call 505-490-2822. If you can afford to pay for your registration please leave the volunteer slots for those who cannot otherwise afford to attend.

Scholarships for members of the Santa Fe Farmer’s Market
The Santa Fe Farmers’ Market Institute will provide a limited number of scholarships to the 2017 New Mexico Organic Farming Conference. To be eligible for these scholarships you MUST be a current vendor at the Santa Fe Farmers’ Market. For more information and to request a scholarship please get in touch with the Santa Fe Farmers’ market Institute: 505-983-7726 ext. 102, or melissa@farmersmarketinstitute.org.

CEUs (Continuing Education Credits)
CEUs for pesticide applicators and Certified Crop Advisors will be available for some sessions of the conference. Master gardener CEUs are NOT available. If you would like to register for CEUs, please inquire at the registration table at the conference when you pick up your participant packet.

Session Times/Topics/Presenters May Change
Presenters, topics, and scheduling of workshops may change depending on room availability and presenter needs. Please check your participant packet upon arrival at the conference for the final schedule.

Refunds:
◆ Full refunds of registration fees are available upon written request received by 1/15/16
◆ Half refunds are available upon written request received by 2/1/15
◆ There will be no refunds of registration fees after 2/1/15
◆ To request a refund please email: sagefaulkner@yahoo.com

All conference areas are accessible.
Southwest Grass-fed Producers’ Roundtable:
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Presented by Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance

FEBRUARY 16, 2017 • 1-6:00 PM
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• the animals: what breeds, ages and weights work best for grassfed?
• the land: how to keep plenty of good grass available
• the buyers: what are the marketing options and how can we expand them?
• the processors: what are the legal and insurance issues for USDA vs. custom?
• the grassfed label: what does it mean and how can it work for the Southwest?

Registration fee $40.
Light refreshments will be served.
For more information and to register, visit www.swgla.org/event/roundtable.

Thursday, February 16, 2017

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National Incubator Farm Training Initiative

Contact Beth LaShell at lashell_beth@fortlewis.edu

Friday, Feb 17@ 6pm

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