

[NOFA-NY \(Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York\)](#)

Announces:

**Call for PAPERS AND POSTERS for the
2012 Northeast Organic Research Symposium**

January 19-20, 2012 Saratoga Springs, NY

Organic agricultural research is on the rise at universities across the country. At the same time, however, organic farmers tend to lack access to this information. In response to this disconnect, NOFA-NY is organizing the Northeast Organic Research Symposium. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for researchers to share their relevant organic agricultural research with one another and with organic farmers from New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut. Student and professional researchers are invited to submit papers to present at the Symposium or posters to be displayed at poster sessions. The goal is to reach over 200 organic farmers, over 30 academic researchers, and over 10 student researchers.

This Symposium offers a unique opportunity for students and researchers investigating organic topics to engage with a knowledgeable audience through roundtable discussions—exploring research at a depth rarely achieved at large conferences.

In addition, themes explored at the Symposium will carry over into conversations around organic research at the annual [NOFA-NY Organic Farming Winter Conference](#), January 20th-22nd. In its 30th year, the Winter Conference has, most recently, attracted over 1,200 farmers, researchers, extension agents, and students.

CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSION

Please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words (including references) addressing one of the themes listed below as it pertains to farming in the Northeastern United States. NOFA-NY, along with the Symposium Advisory Committee (SAC), will review the abstracts and organize sessions by theme.

Proposal Themes:

- Issues in Organic Vegetable Production
- Issues in Organic Fruit Production
- Issues in Organic Ruminant Livestock Systems
- Issues in Organic Non-Ruminant Livestock Systems
- Issues in Organic Grain Systems
- Soil Management in Organic Systems
- Pest Management in Organic Systems
- Weed Management in Organic Systems
- Economics & Marketing of Organic Systems

Papers

Priority will be given to papers based on current research or research conducted within the past 5 years in all sectors of organic agriculture. Selected authors will present their work as part of a panel or individually at the Symposium and paper summaries will be included in the Symposium Proceedings.

Student Papers

Student papers should describe complete or nearly complete research or development efforts in organic agriculture. Accepted student authors will present their work as part of a panel and paper summaries will be included in the Symposium Proceedings.

Posters

Posters are the preferred format for preliminary research results; innovative systems and services; experimental and in-practice projects; and educational programs. The poster session will be a vibrant and popular component of the Symposium and posters may remain up for the Winter Conference as well as the Symposium. At least one author must be present at the poster session. Posters will be included in the Symposium Proceedings.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Presentation abstracts for papers and posters should be sent as attachments (DOC or PDF) via email to Symposium@nofany.org by November 1, 2011. Please include only the title and an abstract of less than 250 words in the attachment. The body of the email should contain author's full contact information (name, phone, email, address), academic affiliation or farm, paper title, and theme. In the subject line, include either "Paper" "Student Paper" or "Poster Session."

The authors chosen for the symposium will be notified by December 1, 2011. Authors will then have until January 1, 2012 to submit project summaries to be published in the Symposium Proceedings.

STIPENDS

Limited grant-supported funding exists to cover travel and lodging for symposium presenters.