

CCOF Foundation Education Programs: Spring 2019 THE ORGANIC TRAINING INSTITUTE

PSA-Approved Food Safety Workshops in English and Spanish \rightarrow January 23; EcoFarm Preconference Workshop; Pacific Grove, CA

Get ready for the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)! Has your produce farm sent a supervisor to attend the Produce Safety Alliance (PSA)-approved workshop that meets the FSMA training requirement for produce growers? If not, the CCOF Foundation is here to help: attend one of our low-cost, in-person workshops that fulfill this requirement. Lunch, course materials, and certificate fees are included in the cost of registration. After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course. The EcoFarm preconference workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

CCOF Annual Meeting and Conference: Organic Generation – The Next Era \longrightarrow February 26-27; Fresno, CA

Join CCOF and our members for Organic Generation – The Next Era, our annual meeting and conference in Fresno, California on February 26-27, 2019. This year's event will focus on the next era of growth for organic and future generations of organic producers and consumers.

FSMA Basics for Small and Medium-Sized Produce Farms \rightarrow March 27; Online webinar

Not sure what the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) means for your small or medium-sized farm? Join the CCOF Foundation and Community Alliance with Family Farmers for a webinar that explains the compliance categories for produce farms under FSMA and highlights the recordkeeping requirements for each category. Then, we will share recordkeeping templates for farms that qualify for FSMA exemptions. Know what records to have ready if your farm is selected for a FSMA inspection by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Pathways to Farm Ownership \longrightarrow May 21; Online webinar

Every farmer hopes to own their own property. But with high startup costs, and California's sky-high land prices, it often doesn't make sense to purchase property before starting your farm business. Join the CCOF Foundation and California FarmLink for a webinar that will guide you through the key steps in negotiating and composing a lease that has a built-in pathway to ownership. Learn about different types of lease structures, clauses, tactics that can lead to farm ownership, and how to position yourself financially to be able to execute a purchase option.

Organic and Food Safety Recordkeeping for Produce Growers \longrightarrow June 18; Online webinar

Confused about what records you need to keep for compliance with the new federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)? Not sure how those records overlap with what you are already doing for your organic certification? Join CCOF Foundation and Community Alliance with Family Farmers for a webinar that clearly explains what records are required for produce farms that must fully comply with FSMA and how those records align with USDA National Organic Program recordkeeping requirements.



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