



## CCOF Foundation Education Programs 2018

# THE ORGANIC TRAINING INSTITUTE

### Organic Recordkeeping 101 for Growers → August 21; Online webinar

Well-designed recordkeeping systems can facilitate sound farm management, reduce stress, promote farm sustainability, and track organic products from start to finish. Join the CCOF Foundation and the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) for a webinar that reviews USDA organic regulations related to recordkeeping requirements for crop producers. We will highlight practical recordkeeping methods to meet your farm's needs for organic certification. This webinar is ideal for farmers interested becoming certified organic, growers new to organic certification, or producers seeking to improve their recordkeeping systems.

### Advanced Organic Recordkeeping for Growers → September 12; Online webinar

Join NCAT and the CCOF Foundation for a webinar that explores digital solutions for organic recordkeeping. Our speakers will highlight software strategies that can assist you in keeping records while meeting USDA National Organic Program standards for certified organic crop production.

### Getting Ready for the FSMA Agricultural Water Requirements → October 10; Online webinar

Produce growers and food safety managers are encouraged join the CCOF Foundation and the Western Center for Food Safety for a webinar that highlights practical guidelines on how to get ready for the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) agricultural water requirements. Learn the basics of water microbiology, as well as how to assess irrigation water sources—such as wells, ponds, and canals—with food safety in mind. Then, hear recommendations on how to take water samples for agricultural water testing. Finally, get up to speed on what records you can start keeping now to prepare for the FSMA Produce Safety Rule agricultural water requirements.

### PSA-Approved Food Safety Workshops in English and Spanish →

» November 7, 2018; Sonoma/Petaluma Region, CA

» January 23, 2019; EcoFarm Pre-Conference 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.

### San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market Tour → November 29; San Francisco, CA

Join us for our popular San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market tour and gain the knowledge you need as an organic producer to deal in wholesale. This trip will address key factors in wholesale, including requirements for packing, shipping, and labeling. You'll also walk away with an understanding of how to maintain food safety and organic integrity through the supply chain.

### Organic Grower Summit → December 12 & 13; Monterey, CA

Hosted by the Organic Produce Network (OPN) and CCOF, the Organic Grower Summit connects organic growers, producers, and processors with supply-chain and service providers. The summit offers two days of education, information, and networking. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with professionals in the organic community. More information at [www.organicgrowersummit.com](http://www.organicgrowersummit.com).



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