

VOICE OF THE FARMER

Organic for All has developed a participatory, in-depth educational experience for underserved, small-scale farmers and the communities they support.

Our program implementation promotes the indigenous knowledge and voices of farmers by respecting their unique culture and rich historic connections to the land. We assert that the inclusion of all farmers is critical for the growth of organic-agroecology farming practices, with wholistic benefits to our farmlands, environments and food sovereignty systems— all essential elements of the health and wellbeing of our farming communities.

Organic for All offers a range of capacity building programs dedicated to using a systems-approach centered around building community, growing healthy people, and truthfully sustaining our nation's economic equality. This newly implemented training and education project is designed to build capacity within underserved farming communities to increase opportunities for offering a path to organic farming systems and certification.

Voice of the Farmer is our report on **Organic For All** participatory learning sessions to support strengthening capacity with all farmers.

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CONNECTING DIVERSE FOOD COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE AMERICAS WITH AGROECOLOGY

Slow Food Terra Madre Americas Conference. 26-28 of September, 2025 in Sacramento California.

Terra Madre Slow Food is a global movement dedicated to good, clean, fair food for all. This international organization cultivates a worldwide network of local communities and activists who defend cultural and biological diversity, promote food education, and influence policies in public and private sectors that help transform food systems.

This year's Terra Madre Americas was an international event, gathering people from all around the world with a conference that supports agroecology and organic

farming systems. The space showcased the interconnections between agroecological systems in the United States with the richness of projects and initiatives of the Slow Food Network in Latin America.

The event brought together 800 participants, more than 165,000 attendees from around the globe and over 200 hours of programs. This one-of-its-kind weekend featured food and drink tastings, live music, celebrity chef demonstrations, educational panels, and artisanal vendors, all bringing the flavors and traditions of the world together into one unforgettable experience.

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Organic For All used this opportunity to share information about the project through the public gathering with farmers and ranchers from across America with their value added products, with coffee growers sharing samples, and vintners discussing regional wine varieties—all blended into one great community enjoying some of the world's finest food and wine tastings.

Our booth distributed written material on IFOAM principles and practices, allowing us a valuable opportunity to share the successes of our project with a national and international audience. We enjoyed one-on-one conversations with participants about the project's work, along with lively discussions surrounding our on-farm practices and why we grow the way we do.

We experienced valuable dialogues on how our work can offer supplemental training on economic benefits. Visitors to our exhibit booth enjoyed a video we produced, showcasing the training that our project provided to farmers in our **Organic For All** workshops.

Jennifer Taylor personally participated on a Terra Madre Slow Food Farm Panel within the Slow Food Agroecology Program representing Lola's Organic Farm, an actual Slow Food Registered Farm, alongside farms from Columbia and Puerto Rico. We were collectively able to discuss on-farm agroecology practices and organic methodologies in our distinctive regions, communicating the holistic benefits of how we farm and why we farm this way.

The goal of the **Organic For All** project has always been to share the wisdom and experiences of farmers with a national and international audience, uplifting the value of small farmers and the role of indigenous farmers, agroecology farming practices and seed saving in our food system, and we were able to do this at the Terra Madre Americas Event. We couldn't have found a better opportunity to share the experience of our project in an integrated conference which puts all of the diverse pieces of food culture together.

*“Let us begin to lead a way forward where **Organic For All** can help promote sustainable organic agricultural systems for the future.”*

We firmly believe that **Organic For All** must include building community awareness of the public role of agriculture, working in close cooperation with the needs and professional development of small farmers.

At a time when most people don't know where their actual food comes from, this is an essential connection to make. When the public gets to experience the food being prepared, taste the food, take home the seeds of the food to plant for themselves, meet the agroecology-organic farmer, and learn about capacity strengthening through the **Organic for All** Project— a new vision for resilient sustainable agriculture farming begins to grow.

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We invite you and your local agricultural community to raise your voices together with us in our quest to create healthy conversations about important agroecology and organic issues that you and your family are experiencing.

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