

PASA Queer Farm Panel Information

Session Title: Queering the Food System: Farming & Sexuality

Date & Time: February 7th, 4:15-5:15

Moderator: Michaela Hoffelmeyer

Panelists: Five local queer farmers with various identities

Agenda and Questions:

- 1) Michaela will do a brief background on her interviews with queer farmers in the northeast and the key ideas around queering the food system (about 5 minutes).
- 2) Panelists introductions, including name, pronouns, identity (lesbian, queer, trans, gay, etc.), and brief background about farm (about 3 minutes each).
- 3) To start, can you all think of a specific time in your agriculture career when you have been particularly aware of or influenced by your queer identity? This could be because of a unique opportunity or a challenging situation. Tell us about this experience and how you handled it.
- 4) Because gender may be more visible than sexuality, many of the farmers that I have talked to have expressed that gender-based discrimination has occurred more frequently. How does your gender along with your sexuality influence your participation in farming?
- 5) All farmers need support, but queer farmers may face additional challenges in agriculture. How do we activate allies in farming and local communities to support diverse farmers?
- 6) Open the Q&A to the room for additional questions
- 7) Please share any final thoughts on what it means to be a queer farmer. Do you have one take-home message or piece of advice for creating more inclusive spaces for diverse identities in agriculture?