



THE 33RD OEFFA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

OEFFA's 33rd annual conference, *Sowing the Seeds of Our Food Sovereignty*, February 18-19, 2012 in Granville, Ohio is right around the corner. The state's largest sustainable food and farm conference, the event draws more than 1,000 attendees from across Ohio and the Midwest. This year's conference will feature keynote speakers Woody Tasch and Andrew Kimbrell; more than 70 informative, hands-on workshops; two featured pre-conference events on February 17; a trade show; a fun and educational kids' conference and child care area; locally-sourced and organic homemade meals; and Saturday evening entertainment.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

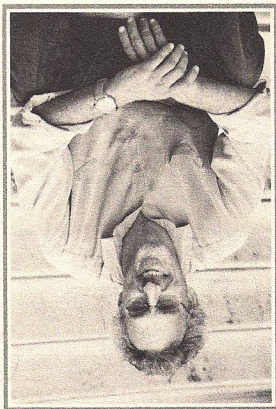
WOODY TASCH

Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Matter

Tasch is the chairman of the Slow Money Alliance and inspired the Slow Money movement by writing *Inquires into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Mattered*.

The Slow Money Alliance is bringing people together around a conversation about money that is too fast, about finance that is disconnected from people and place, and about how people can begin fixing the economy from the ground up, starting with food.

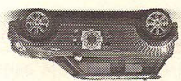
So far, \$4.5 million has been invested in 16 small food enterprises through Slow Money's national gatherings. In the last year, \$5 million more has been invested through Slow Money chapters, with membership growing and local investor groups continuing to emerge.



For 10 years, Tasch was chairman of Investors' Circle, which has invested \$133 million in 200 early stage sustainability businesses since 1992. Tasch also served as treasurer of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation where, as part of an innovative mission-related venture capital program, a substantial investment was made in Stonyfield Farm, now the world's largest maker of organic yogurt.

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Want to help someone else out with a ride? Connect with other registrants online via Ridebuzz.org. Go to <http://www.offfa.org/quicklinks/ride/> for more information.

Rideshare to the OFFFA Conference

Matt Kleinhenz, Brian McSpadden Gardener, Mark Bennett, and Sally Miller

- Plant Residues in Organic Vegetable Production: A Look Back and Ahead on the Pros and Cons ~ Don Kretschmann
- Winter Vegetable Storage for Year-Round Marketing ~ Janell Baran
- Mushrooming in the Garden ~ Jeremy Gedert
- Worm Composting and Food Waste Recycling ~ Jeremy Gedert

2:50-3:45 P.M.

- Fracking: The Legislative and Regulatory Landscape ~ Cheryl Johnson
- OFFERINGS: Charting Future Directions for Organic Research in Ohio ~ Brian McSpadden Gardener
- Obtaining Fresh, Local Products for Your Restaurant ~ Michelle Wasserman, Candia Stamp, and Jeana Mycuff
- Soil It, Grow It, Sell It... Safely! Part II ~ Troy Cooper
- Growing With(out) Lead ~ Lisa Higby
- Over and Under ~ Kathleen Cunningham
- Milk Herdshares ~ Joe Streit
- Sustainable Aquaculture of Fish and Shrimp in Ohio ~ Dave Smith, Ph.D.
- Cover Crops for Soil Fertility ~ Jeff Moyer
- Growing Organic Sweet Corn: The Challenges and Rewards ~ Jake and Dawn Trehewey
- Edible Mushroom Logs ~ Wes Duren
- Organic Pest Management for the Backyard Gardener ~ Mary Lou Shaw
- Introduction to Permaculture ~ Braden Trauth

1:45-2:40 P.M.

- Barn Moving 101: How, Why and What You Need Besides a Pry Bar ~ Amy Batchman and Doug Christen

1:45-3:45 P.M.

- Fracking Action: How to Protect Your Land and Community ~ Vanessa Pesce
- From Homeless in the Desert to a Farm in Ohio: Bringing the Vision to Life ~ Sheryl Ann Billman
- Creating Your Own Pathway to Food Sovereignty ~ Gary Cox
- Making Hard Cider ~ Charles A. Fritsch
- Nutritional Nuances of Pastured Poultry ~ Michael Liburn
- Using Compost in Field Crop Systems ~ Jeff Moyer
- Organic Production of Brambles in High Tunnels ~ Eric Hanson
- Fracking: Potential Environmental Impacts to Landowners ~ Joe Logan
- Row Crop Tips: Old Words That Are Back in Style ~ Glenn Carlisle
- Green Livin' Farm Women Coming Together ~ Annie Warmke, Sheryl Billman, and Joan Samkow
- Preserving: Beyond the Canning Jar ~ Rachel Toyse Ballileul
- Niche Pork Production, Processing, and Marketing ~ J.B. King
- No-Till Organic Farming ~ Jeff Moyer
- Organic Strawberry Production ~ Ron Meyer

9:30-10:25 A.M.

- Farm Succession Planning: It's Never Too Early ~ Bob Cohen, Edward Kiesack, and Robert Hendrix
- Slow Money 101: Where is it Going? ~ Woody Tash
- Producing Grass Fed Beef and Lamb ~ Jeff McCutcheon and Bob Hendershot
- Identifying and Managing Beneficial Insects in Vegetable Crops ~ Jim Jasinski, Celeste Welty, Mary Gardiner, and Parwinder Grewal
- Edible Landscaping ~ Wes Duren
- Brix Levels as an Indicator of Vegetable Quality: Measurement and Meaning ~ Natalie Bungarner, Matt Kleinhenz, and Joe Scheerens

9:30-11:30 A.M.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2012

2:50-3:45 P.M. (CONTINUED)

- Managing Organic Soil Fertility to Improve Spelt Bread Quality ~ R. Larry Pheasant
- Selecting Sheep for Profit ~ Kathy Bielek and John Anderson
- Dairy Forage Quality ~ Glenn Carlisle
- Eating Locally and Seasonally the Slow Food Way ~ Colleen Yuhn
- Circle 77: Creating a Food Cooperative for the Inner City ~ LeRoyna Edwards, Michael Jones, and Jessica Roach
- The Role of Cooperatives in Marketing ~ Bob Cohen
- Tracking Your Organic Production ~ Dean Falb
- Creating a Better Farm Bill ~ Alex Beauchamp
- Fracking: Signing a Lease and Protecting Landowner Interests ~ Mike Hogan

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2012

9:30-11:30 A.M.

- Pumpkins, Squash, and Bugs, Oh My! ~ Melinda O'Brian and Celeste Welty
- International Organic Certification ~ Betty Kananan and Jodi Snyder
- Raising and Selling Ohio Fiber ~ Andrea Vango
- Forage for Cattle Production ~ Gary Zimmer
- Healing Herbs and Your Health Independence ~ Dawn Combs
- Community Investment in Local Food Systems ~ Brad Masl and Abbe Turner
- Are You Market-Ready? ~ Mike Hogan and Julie Fox
- Genetic Engineering: The Battle for Safe Food, Public Health, and Environmental Protection ~ Andrew Kimbrell
- Securing Credit: Plan to Succeed ~ Roger Smith

9:30-10:25 A.M.

- Composting: Past, Present, and Future ~ Marvin Duren
- Water Conservation: Harvesting Rain Water with Rain Barrels ~ Jim Kircok
- Companion Planting ~ Kate Cook
- Great Interns: How Do You Get Them and How Do You Keep Them? ~ Annie Warmke
- Building Community Power ~ Mackenzie Bailey

10:35-11:30 A.M.

- Ohio's New Composting Regulations and Your Farm ~ Angel Arroyo-Rodriguez
- Water Conservation: Rain Garden Benefits and Construction ~ Pat Deering
- Season Extension for Small-Scale Intensive Crop Production ~ Andy Pressman
- Tax Efficient Planning: Do What the Truly Wealthy Do ~ Edward R. Kiesack
- Farming the Sun ~ Kevin Eigel

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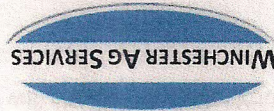
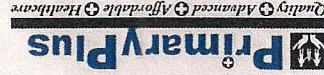
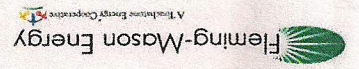
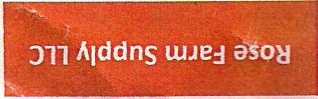
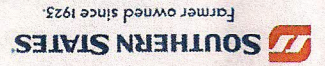
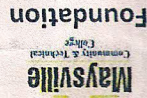
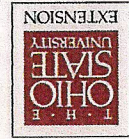
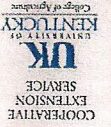
- NRCS Conservation Programs and Funding Opportunities ~ Barbara Baker
- Magnificent Materials for Mulching an Organic Garden ~ Katie-Marie Chorton-Perkins and Melinda O'Brian
- Maple Syruping with SARE ~ Christine D. Toller



- Lettuce All Summer ~ Patricia Mumm
- Doing Agri-Business with Israel ~ Karl R. Gebhardt
- Regenerative Farming in the 21st Century ~ Geoffrey Tolle
- Brix and Nutritional Concerns for Dairy ~ Gary Zimmer
- Cultured Raw-Milk Mozzarella ~ Shawn and Beth Dougherty
- Supplying Our Local Food System: Seeing Opportunity, Taking Action ~ Kip Randy and Warren Taylor
- Food is Social: Using New Media to Market Your Food Business ~ Rachel Toyse Ballileul
- How to Grow Your Farm Business ~ Richard Stewart
- When the Biomass Hits the Fan: Farming in a World Running Out of Everything ~ Joy Warmke
- Organic Seed vs Monsanto: The Lawsuit Challenging Patents on Seed ~ Daniel B. Ravitcher
- Sole Mio: Spend Local, Save Local, Invest Local! ~ Chuck Lynd and Matt Shad

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

(Subject to change. Full descriptions available at www.offfa.org)



SCHEDULE

- 5:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner – Calvert Lounge
- 6:00 – 6:15 pm Opening Session – Fields Auditorium
- 6:30 – 7:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (refer to program inside)
- 7:15 – 7:30 pm Milk/Coffee/Cookie Break – Tech Center Lobby
- 7:30 – 8:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (refer to program inside)
- 8:15 – 8:30 pm Closing and Door Prizes – Fields Auditorium



Third Annual!!! All new!
Tuesday, March 13
5 – 8:30 p.m.

Maysville Community and Technical College,
 Maysville Campus
 1755 US Hwy 68, Maysville, KY

Programs for all....
 farmers, spouses and kids of all ages!

Win a 32" Flat Screen
 TV or Nook Tablet
 during closing!
 Must be present to win.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS II – 7:30 – 8:15 PM

TRACT	Room #	TOPIC
CATTLE MANAGEMENT	D242	COW AND CALF PRODUCTION by Ben Williamson, Morehead State University An overview of cow/calf production and management decisions. Topics of discussion will give insight on how to minimize losses and increase the productivity of your cow herd.
CATTLE MANAGEMENT	C223	PREPARING BEEF FOR AI by John Grimes, Ohio State University Extension Gain insight on how to implement a successful artificial insemination program. Managing the female and popular heat synchronization protocols will be covered in addition to other topics.
CATTLE MANAGEMENT	T114	BQA (BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE) CERTIFICATION by Tad Campbell, UK CES BQA provides the management guidelines for producers to produce wholesome and safe food to maintain customer confidence. The certification is for 3 years and will have a \$5 charge.
FORAGE	T115	PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY HAY, BALEAGE AND CORN SILAGE by Dr. Ray Smith, UK Managing the forage crops for high quality nutritional feed is essential with today's cost of grain and input costs. Gain strategies to produce higher quality stored forages for livestock.
CONSERVATION	T203	KY AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY PLANS by Amanda Gumbert, UK CES Explore how to develop and implement an ag water quality plans as required by anyone farming or raising trees (10 acres + in KY). Plans also required for federal, state, and local cost-share programs.
FORESTRY	D233	PRODUCING MAPLE SYRUP by Mike Mineer, Mineer Farms Everyone can make maple syrup! Mike will take you through the maple syrup making process and explain how you can simplify the process to produce your own. Samples provided!
GPS	T202	GPS SOIL TESTING by FarmLogic FarmLogic offers growers the ability to record information in the field with accuracy and ease. This easy to use program was developed by a farmer for field and grid records, GPS work and more.
TECHNOLOGY FOR FARM USE	T201	USING SPREADSHEETS FOR FARM RECORDKEEPING by Sharon Staviski, RS Datasystems Sharon will demonstrate a simple way of using Excel to track income and expenses by month and annually.
VITICULTURE	D238	MANAGING YOUR BACKYARD VINEYARD by Patsy Wilson, UK Cooperative Extension Service Learn how to grow grapes successfully in your own backyard. Topics to be covered include getting started, training vines, diseases, and more.
EQUINE	T103	GOOD HORSE GONE BAD by Eddie Crothers, Cedar Brook Farm About 90% of disrespect in horses comes from pain. Eddie will take you through the process of identifying and eliminating pain so that your horse is more manageable and easier to handle.
HORTICULTURE	Green House	PROPAGATE PARTY! by Carrie Taylor, MCTC Learn to propagate plants and have fun while doing so! Learn the benefits and ease of propagating by practicing on three different types of plants. You will take three home for yourself.
COOKING	T205	SLOW COOKING: BE READY EVERY NIGHT WITH DINNER by Sally Mineer/Shannon Smith, UK CES Learn to use this time saving method to provide you and your family with good meals. Be ready on your busy nights with a dinner for your family and avoid the fast food lane.
HEALTH	T213	HEALTHY EATING WITH DIABETES by Buffalo Trace District Health Department Choosing to eat healthy doesn't mean giving up flavor! Learn new healthy recipes for an appetizer, a main dish, and a decadent dessert. Recipes accommodate a diabetic diet.
HEALTH	D241	MANAGING YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE by Debbie Boone, MCTC What is the difference between a low, normal and high blood pressure? What are the issues of unmanaged blood pressure? Should I continue with normal blood pressure? Learn all this and more.
OTHER	T111	SUSTAINABLE SMALL SCALE FARMING by Christine D. Tailer, Straight Creek Valley Farm Hear how Christine and husband, Greg, have learned to farm ten acres sustainably, raising chickens, goats, rabbits and more, with no chemical fertilizers or pesticides. They also use their own seeds.
ENERGY SAVINGS	T214	ENERGY ISSUES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT by Greg Copley, University of Kentucky Energy independence and climate change are opportunities for biofuel development and production. New fuel products and biomass technologies will be discussed.
ENERGY SAVINGS	T102	IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN YOUR HOME by Greg Miller, People's Self-Help Housing With energy costs going up, an energy efficient home is a great investment. Greg will teach you some of the most cost effective ways you can save money on your utility bills.
SAFETY	D243	FARM IMPLEMENTS ON THE HIGHWAY by Larry Farris, Kentucky State Police Division Slow moving vehicles, ATV's, escort vehicle requirements for over dimensional loads, KAR 601 1:018 and the new 26,000 lb. Kentucky Farm Plate and Senate Bill 79 will be covered.

Same map & signposting as part of the presentation