

## MIAMI OXFORD ORGANIC NETWORK (MOON)

*We Celebrate Local Farmers, Food, and Regenerative Agriculture*



The Miami Oxford Organic Network is a group of area consumers and growers committed to regenerative principles of agriculture and lifestyle. We work together to:

- Provide a forum for sharing ideas and information
- Support efforts to promote the purchase of locally grown and organic food
- Educate one another and the community about organic principles and practices
- Take leadership in local, state and national organic issues
- Advocate for regenerative local family farms
- Strengthen the relationship between local consumers and growers

The MOON/OEFFA Education Committee includes local organic growers, consumers, and students. We plan educational programs for the community through the year. Some of these programs have been:

- “Let’s Get Growing” annual spring workshops.
- Summer tours of local market gardens or family gardens.
- Visit and presentation at the Butler County Beekeepers Association apiary.
- Annual Harvest MOON Festival in Oxford’s Uptown Park.

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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF MOON/OEFFA**

1997 The Miami Whitewater Chapter of OEFFA was formed. This was during the time that Harv Roehling was President of the OEFFA Board.

1998 The Oxford Organic Network was formed by three local residents who were enthusiastic about organic food and organic growing. The three met with a small group of consumers and farmers to explore how to develop community education programs about food and farming.

2000 The Oxford Organic Network had their first public meeting. Charlie Stevens and Derek Pennington joined the group. The two parallel groups (the local chapter of OEFFA and the local chapter of the Oxford Organic Network) decided to join together. Derek and Charlie suggested the Miami Oxford Organic Network as a name which would include Miami as an element representing both the Miami Valley and Miami University which is located in Oxford. The acronym MOON was initiated.

2011 From the chapter the idea of a local food co-op was born and took on a life of its own. MOON Co-op Market opened in 2011 and is a welcome addition to our community.

When the Stewart School parking became unavailable for a farm market a new location in the center of town was negotiated with the city through the support of the MOON chapter. It is another welcome addition to the community, thriving on its own.