

GRAIN GROWERS CHAPTER

Focus on organic grain production

The OEFFA Grain Growers Chapter is dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information for organic grain production, processing and marketing. The Grain Growers intent is not to define itself by geography, but by an interest in organic grain production. It is not an exclusive group, but it is focused on the interest of grain growers. The chapter encourages beginning grain farmers and those farmers transitioning to organic production to tap into the years of experience by long time organic growers in the chapter. At its meetings the chapter encourages round table questions and discussion.

The chapter meets during the months of January to April in Upper Sandusky and once during the summer for a meeting, potluck meal, and tour of a member's operation. Just a few of the topics covered at meetings have been:

- Cover crops by OSU Extension
- Sensitive crop registry
- Manure certification by OSU Extension
- Crop Insurance
- Noxious weed issues
- Programs by nationally recognized experts Ray Archulata and Jay McCaman

The chapter welcomes anyone with an interest in organic grain production to attend. Meeting dates, topics and locations are posted on the OEFFA website under events.

Current officers are:

President— Eli Dean grain.growers.oeffa@gmail.com
Vice president— Paul Falter
Treasurer—Daryl Moyer
Secretary— Beth Diesch bdiesch@conservesenecacounty.com

A Brief History of OEFFA Grain Growers

1996 OCIA Chapter 1 was formed with OEFFA

2009 OCIA Chapter 1 dissolved and OEFFA Grain Growers was formed

2018 Grain Growers launched Organictalk.net, a forum to communicate with and help fellow growers