



*Supporting and promoting organic and sustainable agriculture since 1987*



**Early bird registration is open!  
Register now!**

In celebration of Florida Organic Growers' 30th Anniversary, FOG is holding its inaugural state-wide **Organic Food & Farming Summit** to help fulfill its mission of working on behalf of organic farmers and consumers by providing training, organic certification, and education for farmers of all levels!

The Summit, taking place **September 17-19, 2017** in Gainesville, will be an opportunity for

**Submit your speaker  
proposal today!**

We are looking for leaders and innovators in organic farming to share their expertise and experience with Florida farmers to speak at the **Organic Food & Farming Summit!**

Are you a seasoned organic farmer, researcher, academic, or advocate for organic food and farming who would like to make an impact?

farmers to interact with growers and leaders in organic agriculture to gain knowledge & training through farm tours, workshops, trade show and day-long intensive trainings.

**Register today!**

FOG is **seeking proposals** for workshops that inspire, educate, and inform the diverse work of Florida farmers and others involved in Florida's sustainable farm and food systems movement.

Fill out our speaker proposal form on our website! The deadline is May 1! **Click here for details!**

**To sponsor the Summit, host a farm tour, host a workshop or learn more, check out the Summit website!**

### **Celebrating 30 years of fighting for organic farmers!**

Florida Organic Growers (FOG) has carried out its mission for 30 years by providing communities throughout the state with programs and resources that promote and support organic and sustainable agriculture and local and just food systems.



Learn more about all we have done and how you can support us by **visiting the FOG Blog!**



### **FOG relaunches Florida FarmFinder™ Interactive website connects farmers**

We are excited to announce we have relaunched **Florida FarmFinder™**, an interactive website aimed at connecting beginning farmers with established farmers to share knowledge and best practices while giving an opportunity to post land and tools for sale.

Florida FarmFinder™ works to continue Florida's rich farming heritage by keeping productive farmland in production.

Registration is free and open to anyone who wants to connect! **Visit the website for more details!**



**Bring local produce home. Double the purchasing power of SNAP.**

**Fresh Access Bucks is hiring!  
Regional Program Coordinator**

FOG is seeking a **Fresh Access Bucks Program Northwest or South Regional Coordinator** to join our expanding team.

The position is part time at 25 hours per week, with a semi-flexible schedule.

With consistent growth over the past 7 years, FOG is looking for a candidate to work both independently and as part of an efficient leadership team.

As part of the Fresh Access Bucks team, this position will be directly responsible for the day to day tasks of the project in the Northwest or South region of the state, overall coordination of market selection, partnerships with other organizations, trainings, statewide convening, implementation of EBT Technology, monitoring project progress and more.

**[View the job description here!](#)**



We are excited to spotlight **Mt. Citra Organic Farm and Market!**

Mt. Citra Organic Farm and Market recently opened a farm store that sells locally grown certified organic produce from Jacksonville, Gainesville, Ocala, and Alachua.

The market is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn more by visiting their **Facebook page** or calling (352) 595-3739!



**Support us we continue  
the fight for organic  
and sustainable agriculture!**

**We need your support** as we continue the fight for organic and sustainable agriculture in Florida and beyond!

We have exciting plans this year to host farmer workshops, an organic food and farming summit and more!

**Learn more!**

**Farmers Market Coalition has  
extended SNAP EBT Equipment  
Program...deadline is end of May  
so act now!**

The **Farmers Market Coalition** has extended their free **SNAP EBT Equipment Program** through May 2017!

For participants in the program, FMC will cover the costs of purchasing or renting SNAP EBT equipment and services (set-up costs, monthly service fees) for up to three years.

The deadline is coming up so be sure to contact us at [info@freshaccessbucks.com](mailto:info@freshaccessbucks.com)



### **Quality Certification Services** The latest in organic and food safety/ GAPs certification

#### **Preventive Control Human Food Training**

QCS is holding a 2.5 day Food Safety Preventative Control for Human Food Training designed to address new FSMA regulation which requires every covered processing facility to have one trained person as a Preventive Controls Qualified Individual to implement and maintain a Food Safety Plan.

[Learn more and register!](#)

#### **Foreign Supplier Verification Program**

QCS is holding a two-day Foreign Supplier's Verification Program Training course that will provide participants with the knowledge to implement the requirements of the FSVP for importers of food for humans and animals regulation of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

[Learn more and register!](#)

### **Sweetwater Organic Coffee Company now offering special FOG Lifter blends!**

FOG and [Sweetwater Organic Coffee Company](#) have partnered to share in our commitment to organic and sustainable

agriculture through healthy farming options and just food systems.

Sweetwater now offers two blends to benefit FOG - the **FOG Lifter Medium Blend** and **FOG Lifter Dark Blend**.

When you purchase either or both of these two tasty coffees, Sweetwater will donate 10% of the proceeds to FOG! To order your FOG Lifter coffee, visit the Sweetwater **website** today!



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