

Practical News - Give a lightning talk at PFI's 2024 Annual Conference

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



Secure your spot at PFI's 2024 Annual Conference

Registration is now open for PFI's 2024 Annual Conference, happening Jan. 19-20! Join us at the **new location – the Iowa Events Center in downtown Des Moines.**

Discounted registration for farm and household members is \$110 and covers both days. One registration fee also covers everyone under your membership (they must live in your household or be employed on your farm). Discounted single-day rates are also available for members.

[Register by Dec. 8 to be entered to win two free nights at the Hilton during the conference.](#)

NEWS

Sign up to share your 8-minute idea at the annual conference



We're bringing back lightning talks for the 2024 Annual Conference! As the name suggests, lightning talks are short, focused and exciting.

Right now, we're looking for speakers to share new practices they've tried that are working on their farms. Don't worry, lightning talks are only eight minutes long!

[Use this form to share your idea and we'll reach out soon.](#)

Now hiring a business viability manager



Join our team as the business viability manager. You'll help shape our farm and food business programming by **building, testing and scaling creative solutions that respond to the needs of PFI farmers.**

This is a full-time position based in our Ames, Iowa, office with potential for a remote schedule.

[View details and apply today.](#)

Journeys in organic farming: Two farms' stories of transition



Andrew and Jelyn Miller and PFI lifetime members **Gayle and Jeff Olson** transitioned their farms to organic using resources and support from PFI's network.

"The biggest change is probably within my own mindset," Andrew says. "How I look to solve problems, how I understand nutrient cycling and how I better understand synthetics and their effects on the soil."

[Read the rest of the story from our Autumn 2023 magazine.](#)

Savings Incentive Program applications due Nov. 20



Beginning farmers, [apply to our Savings Incentive Program before next Monday, Nov. 20.](#)

So far, **Mari Hunt Wassink**, a current participant, says she has valued touring other farms and meeting others in the program the most.

"It has given me an imagination for what my operation could look like once it's more established," she says, "as well as given me insight into what questions fellow beginning farmers are wrestling with."

Mentor a beginning farmer with Labor4Learning



Become a trainer for our 2024 Labor4Learning program. **You'll help a beginner farmer employed on your farm gain additional management and production skills.**

While a Labor4Learning trainee is in your employment, we provide you with compensation of \$200 per month, up to \$1,000 per year.

[Help train the next generation of farmers.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Invest in a lifelong PFI membership



Retain PFI's member benefits for life with a lifetime membership.

Not only do you get to skip the renewal notices, you support PFI's mission and vision for generations of farms and communities to come.

A lifetime membership is also an excellent option for end-of-year giving! **[Sign up for a lifetime membership.](#)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Field day: "Milling and Marketing Small Grains Through Multiple Channels"



**Saturday, Nov. 18 | 2-4 p.m. |
Panora, IA**

Join us for our last field day of the season at Early Morning Harvest.

Earl and Jeff Hafner will share how they grow, process and package grains on-site. Guests are also invited to tour other aspects of their farm including aquaponics, hydroponics and greenhouse operations.

Please RSVP.

More upcoming events

Nov. 14: Conference – Central Nebraska Regenerative Ag Conference

Hosted by: Central Community College-Holdrege

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Holdrege, NE

Jan. 19-20: Conference – PFI 2024 Annual Conference

All Day | Des Moines, IA

[View our events calendar](#)

IN THE NEWS

Members in the News

Showcasing member voices and their diverse, independent viewpoints.

Wendy Johnson of Charles City, IA, **James Nisly** of Kalona, IA, and **Sarah Carlson**, PFI's senior programs and member engagement director, were featured in [Investigative Midwest: Experts: Beyond corn and soybeans, farming's future has plenty of options](#)

Kellie and A.J. Blair of Dayton, IA, were featured on [KMAland: Let your checkoff investment directly benefit you](#)

Kellie and A.J. Blair of Dayton, IA, were featured on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: Pods of Potential Podcast](#)

Francis Thicke of Fairfield, IA, was featured in [Telegraph Herald: Collection describes land challenges and solutions](#)

Maggie McQuown of Red Oak, IA, was featured in [GrainsWest: Research Finds Agronomic and Economic Value in Uncultivated Land](#)

Mary Swander of Kalona, IA, was featured in [Progressive Dairy: The Milk House: Ag and the arts](#)

Ron Rosmann of Harlan, IA, was featured in [Civil Eats: Walmart's 'Regenerative Foodscape'](#)

Adrian White of Garber, IA, was featured in [Telegraph Herald: Fresh and Friendly: Dubuque Winter Farmers Market opens for season](#)

Rob Faux of Tripoli, IA, was featured on the [DonnaLonna Kitchen Show](#) podcast: ["078: Talking Turkey with Rob Faux"](#)

PFI in the News

Morgan Jennings, PFI's field crops viability coordinator, was featured on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: AMPM 377: PFI's cover crop cost-share program](#)

PFI was mentioned on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: Using environmental stewardship to improve your overall operation](#)

Have you been featured in the media? If you're a PFI member, tell us when and where to find a link to the article, and we'll feature you in a future issue of Practical News.

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