

Practical News - Welcome new board members to PFI

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



Welcome Margaret and Tim to PFI's board of directors, and meet the new executive committee

We are thrilled to welcome farmers **Margaret Smith** of Hampton, Iowa, and **Tim Youngquist** of Zearing, Iowa, to PFI's board of directors. They were elected to the board by PFI members during our 2024 Annual Conference, and are starting their first terms as farmer at-large board members.

Jon Bakehouse, of Hastings, Iowa, was also re-elected to serve his second term as director for PFI's southwest district.

The new board met earlier this month and voted on PFI's new executive committee. Serving in this capacity are **David Rosmann** of Harlan, Iowa, as president; **Carmen Black** of Solon, Iowa, as vice president; **Jon Bakehouse** as treasurer; and **Gayle Olson**, of Winfield, Iowa, as secretary. [Read more.](#)

"I cannot remember a time before PFI, as my parents were here from the beginning," David says. "It is humbling to follow in my dad's footsteps as president over 35 years later."

NEWS

Gain extra skills with paid on-farm training across Iowa



Farms across the state are currently hiring Labor4Learning trainees.

Through the program, you'll get paid on-the-job training that goes beyond an ordinary farm job. In addition to core work tasks, you'll gain extra skills in farm management and production from experienced PFI farmers.

[Browse training opportunities near you.](#)

Photo: 2024 trainers Matt and Jocelyn Vermeersch of Mud Ridge Ranch

PFI is hiring field crops outreach coordinators for northern and southern regions



Join our team and support farmers adopting cover crops near you. **PFI is currently seeking field crops outreach coordinators** to serve specific regions and drive positive change in agriculture.

- The [northern Iowa region](#) includes outreach to eastern Iowa, northern Illinois and southwestern Wisconsin.
- The [southern Iowa region](#) includes outreach to southeastern Iowa, southern Illinois and northern Missouri

UPCOMING EVENTS

Get ready for the Midwest Covers and Grains Conference



Monday, March 4 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m. | Mantako, MN

Pre-register by this Wednesday, Feb. 28, for the Midwest Covers and Grains Conference. **This one-day event is free for PFI members (join for \$50)!**

The conference brings together Midwestern farmers, supply chain buyers and researchers to promote successful farming with extended rotations and cover crops.

[Pre-register today.](#)

Winter webinar: "Revitalizing Soil for a Small-Scale Hemp Farm in Iowa"



Tuesday, Feb. 27 | Noon-1 p.m. | Online

Join **Megan and Scott Booher** to learn how Four Winds Farm in Homestead, Iowa, came to be one of the few farms in Iowa licensed to grow and sell value-added hemp products.

Learn how they made the decision to grow hemp in Iowa, what they've done to improve the soil on their farm and the hemp products they sell.

[RSVP for a reminder.](#)

Join us for our first field crop farmer social



Tuesday, March 12 | 1-3 p.m. | Prairie City, IA

Mark your calendars for our first field crops farmer social of the year, hosted by **Will Cannon**.

Socials are your opportunity to connect with other growers in your community and share ideas about the season ahead.

[View details and RSVP.](#)

Feb. 28: Meet-Up – [Horticulture Farmer Meet-Up](#)

Hosted by: Mark Westbrook
9-11 a.m. | Waverly, IA

March 1: Shared Learning Call – [Frost-Seeding Clover Into Small Grains With Meadowlark Organics](#)

Hosted by: John & Halee Wepking
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

March 5: Webinar – [Developing a Meat CSA](#)

Hosted by: Peter Allen
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

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Hosted by: Calvin & Krissy Thiessen
9-11 a.m. | Okoboji, IA

March 5: Workshop – [Whole Animal Butchery](#)

Hosted by: John Hogeland
1-3:30 p.m. | Lovilia, IA

March 12: Webinar – [Building a Farm for Shepherding](#)

Hosted by: Wendy Johnson
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

[View our events calendar](#)

IN THE NEWS

Members in the News

Showcasing member voices and their diverse, independent viewpoints.

Natasha Wilson of Washington, IA, and **Sally Worley**, PFI's executive director, were featured in the [Des Moines Register](#): [Iowa losing mid-size farms as smallest, largest ones increase, new U.S. ag census shows](#)

Shaffer Ridgeway of Waterloo, IA, was featured in two pieces in [The Gazette](#):

- [Latest farm data a 'wake-up call' as Midwest farmers face ever steeper challenges](#)
- [2022 Ag Census: Five things to know about Iowa](#)

Mitchell Hora of Brighton, IA, was featured on [Top Soil Webinar: Making Money on the Farm with Sustainability & Carbon Intensity](#).

Denise O'Brien and Larry Harris of Atlantic, IA, and **Brian Depew** of Lyons, NE, were featured in a [Center for Rural Affairs](#) news release: [Rural advocates honored by Center for Rural Affairs](#)

Mitchell Hora of Brighton, IA, was featured in [Farm Journal](#): [How To Increase Your Potential SAF Tax Credits Now](#)

Bob Recker of Waterloo, IA, was featured in a [North Central SARE](#) YouTube video: [Wide Row Corn and Cover Crops with Bob Recker](#)

Aaron Studebaker of Raymond, NE, **Mitchell Hora** of Brighton, IA, and **Keith Berns** of Bladen, NE, were featured in [York News-Times](#): [Jenny Rees: Additional February meetings planned](#)

PFI in the News

Sally Worley, PFI's executive director, was mentioned in a [Sand County Foundation](#) news release: [Iowa Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees](#)

PFI was mentioned in [Farm & Ranch Guide](#): [How mechanics and strategies of farming are changing](#)

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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