

ZENGER FARM'S
EMERGING FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM
PRESENTS

PORTLAND AREA FARM TOUR SERIES

This series of **free** tours will be available to immigrant farmers, farm apprentices, and farm educators. Tours will be held at regional farms using sustainable growing practices. A wide variety of growing scales and systems will be presented, ranging from hand-scale vegetables to 80-acre wholesale operations.

Please contact Sarah Brown at sarahroseb@gmail.com for details and to register. Space is limited.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

*Meet at Lloyd Center Cinemas parking lot at 8am for carpooling.

9-11am [Skyline Farm](#)

11-12pm *Lunch & Drive. Please bring a bag lunch.*

12-1:30pm [Wealth Underground Farm](#)

2-4pm [Red Truck Farm](#)

Largely focused on hand scale and small acreage growing. These farms will highlight intensive production techniques. We will discuss cultivation equipment, irrigation methods and dry farming, and crop rotation schemes. Farmers include Josh Volk, past Sauvie Island Organics apprentices, and OSU Growing Farms graduates.

THURSDAY, JULY 15TH

* Transportation provided. Meeting location TBD at 8:45am.

10-12pm Flamingo Ridge Farm

12-1pm *Lunch & Drive. Please bring a bag lunch.*

1-3:30pm [Gale's Meadow](#) Gales Creek, OR

Flamingo Ridge grows mixed vegetables on over 5 acres of ground, 1 acre entirely in greenhouses. They have a unique water management system in place allowing them to capture and store over 1 million gallons of water for use throughout the summer. They sell to some of Portland's best restaurants and farmers markets.

Gales Meadow Farm grows hundreds of varieties of vegetables year round on 9 acres. In early spring they grow and sell plant starts at farmer markets. They are organic certified and actively involved in teaching farming through a number of local programs.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

* Transportation provided. Meet at Naomi's Organic Farm Supply at 7:45am.

10-12pm La Mancha Ranch & Orchard

12-1pm *Lunch & Drive. Please bring a bag lunch.*

1-3pm Persephone Farm

La Mancha Ranch & Orchard grows certified organic hazelnuts, plums, apples, peaches, and vegetables. The owners have been actively involved in organic research through their work at OSU. They'll be talking about decision-making strategies in perennial cropping systems, pest management, and their general calendar of activities.

Persephone Farm has been growing vegetables for nearly 20 yrs on their 55acre farm in the Cascade foothills. They are firmly committed to limiting non-renewable resources, do not use season extension techniques, and are actively involved in numerous OSU research projects. They have been involved with projects related to organic weed reduction strategies, creating native habitats, and using poultry for fertility and pest management.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

* Transportation provided. Meet at Naomi's Organic Farm Supply at 8:45am.

10-12pm [Oakhill Organics](#) & [Pitchfork and Crow](#)

12-1pm *Lunch & Drive. Please bring a bag lunch.*

1-3pm [Mustard Seed Farm](#)

Oakhill Organics is a CSA operation run by a full-time farming couple that has a wealth of knowledge and 'beginning farmer experience' to share. They've built their farm over the past few years and have done a terrific job documenting and sharing the process through their blog and speaking engagements at conferences and the Growing Farms course.

Pitchfork and Crow are in their 2nd year of growing on 1.68 rented acres from Oakhill Organics. They sell at the Salem farmer's market and have a CSA. We'll have an opportunity to speak with them both about the transition to being full-time farmers, the trials and tribulations of the first few years, and what systems they've found most invaluable.

Mustard Seed Farm is one of the regions larger organic growers. Growing on nearly 80 acres they produce year-round vegetables including giant pumpkins, tons of different brassicas, onions, tomatoes, and more. They are actively involved in a number of OSU research trials involving cover crops and fertility management.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

* Transportation provided. Meeting location TBD at 7:45am

9-12pm [Pumpkin Ridge Gardens](#) *Lunch included

1-3pm [Square Peg Farm](#)

Pumpkin Ridge is one of the areas few year-round CSAs. During this visit we'll see what they have in the field, season extension in action, and how their management practices differ with year-round production in mind. We'll also prepare lunch and eat together!

Square Peg grows fruit & vegetables and pasture-raised hogs on their 40ac farm. They've been farming for over 10yrs and have created a dynamic system integrating animals, perennials, and vegetables. Their hogs are raised on entirely organic feed and rotated pasture. They sell primarily at the PSU market and have a vegetable and hog CSA.