

## **29<sup>th</sup> Annual NOFA Summer Conference 2003**

Hampshire College  
Amherst, Massachusetts  
August 9 – 10, 2003

### **General Information about the NOFA Summer Conference:**

The conference offered approximately 200 workshops, debates and discussions, and a number of thought-provoking videos and entertainment options centering on the themes of organic farming, family and community. Throughout the conference, there were special children's, preteen, and teen conferences to help encourage participation from the younger generation. Special events and exhibits, like a children's potato sack race, dunk tank and parade and an adult's organic blueberry pie-eating contest, ensured that the weekend would be fun for the whole family. Each day, organic meals were offered to patrons and visitors, along with "solar smoothies" to help cool you down.

### **Public Seed Initiative Exhibit:**

The PSI booth was a huge success! Teri Ferrin, John Oughterson, Bill Garman (all USDA-ARS, PGRU employees) and Michael Glos (NOFA-NY) spent Saturday afternoon from 3:00pm to 6:00pm handing out literature, answering questions and demonstrating the various equipment used when traveling with the Mobile Seed Processing Unit.

From 8:00 am on Saturday, Teri Ferrin and Michael Glos gave an hour and a half workshop/presentation titled "Small Scale On Farm Seed Production". The workshop/presentation was well received by all who attended. Every seat was taken and most of the floor was being occupied by future and current seed savers interested in learning more about the seed production industry. The main topics of the lecture included; Basic seed saving, plant reproduction, isolation techniques, harvesting, cleaning storage, regulations in the seed industry and economics of seed production.

The PSI exhibit and demonstrations were visited by an interested audience of over 500 on Saturday and Sunday.

**Pictures from the NOFA Summer Conference:**



**Above: Bill Garman setting up the PSI Booth (right) and cleaning seed with the Clipper Office Tester(left).**



**Above: From left to right: Matt Rulevich (Restore Our Seed, Mass), Michael Glos (PSI and NOFA - NY), Teri Ferrin (PSI and USDA-ARS, PGRU), Eli Kauffman (Restore Our Seed, Maine), Sarah Johnston (PSI and NOFA - NY), and CR Lawn (Restore Our Seed, Maine) discussing new areas of interest in the seed industry.**

### **Some of the Workshop/Presentation Attendants**

1. Dorothy Antonio (MA)
2. Judith Cassell (NH)
3. Hannah Noel (VT)
4. Norman Weiner (NY)
5. Dennis Eaton (NH)
6. Jennifer Hashley (MA)
7. Matt Rulevich (MA)
8. Hope Requardt (VT)
9. Dan Morris (NY)
10. Tom Stock (NY)
11. Larry Middleton (VT)
12. Timothy Baty (NY)
13. Peter Margehs (MA)
14. Earle Finch (CT)
15. Ben Steinberg (MA)
16. Jonathan Kirschner (MA)
17. Janet Lewis (CT)
18. Jack Algiere (CT)
19. Eli Kaufman (ME)
20. CR Lawn (ME)
21. Diane Dorfer (CT)
22. Bryan Connolly (CT)
23. Rob A'dape (MA)
24. Chris Babis (MA)
25. Jean-Claude Bourauk (MA)
26. Kristan Waatti (MI)
27. Cole Simonson (MA)
28. Rick Dunderdale (MA)
29. Ellen Gray (MA)
30. Suellen Rust (PA)
31. Kevin Skvorak (NY)
32. Melissa Gibson (CT)
33. Richard Harrison (MA)
34. Josh Rapport (CT)
35. Julie Alpers (VT)
36. Brian Noyes (CT)
37. Stacey Burnette (TN)
38. Kim Stoner (CT)
39. Tami Dinette (MA)
40. Bob Bateman (WI)
41. Paul Moroz (MA)
42. Jennifer Byington (NH)
43. Nate Wallace-Gusakov (VT)
44. Brian Cole (MA)
45. Michael Glos (NY)
46. Teri Ferrin (NY)