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# Thinking Inside the Box

Growing CSA's across the Tri-State Region



## 2021 Virtual Tri-State CSA Conference Speakers October 25th, 2021

### Keynote Presenters

*Dan and Julie Perkins, Perkins Good Earth Farm*

Dan is co-owner and lead farmer at Perkins' Good Earth Farm and is a Certified Crop Advisor. He is known as the "Cover Crop Guy" in NW Indiana. Perkins' Good Earth Farm is a certified organic farm growing hardneck garlic and produce via a 180 member CSA, on-farm stand, commercial kitchen, and local wholesale accounts. Dan has over 16+ years of experience in organic and conventional crop management and growing experience in Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and Indiana.

Julie Perkins is co-owner and in charge of sales/marketing at Perkins' Good Earth Farm. Originally trained as a high school English teacher, she now works as educator of all things food and veggie for their Community Supported Agriculture. She's also lead parent to her and her husband's 4 children and loves being part of community development in her small town.



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### Breakout Presenters

*Mandy Way, Way Farms*

*Ben Jackle, Mile Creek Farm*

Husband and wife owned, family farm. Way Farms LLC was established in 2003 with the goal of providing fresh, accessible produce at reasonable prices to the southern Ohio community. The farm first began with only 3 acres of sweet corn and quickly grew! Now the farm is comprised of 70 acres and a ton of fresh produce all season. We farm through succession plantings of a wide array of crops. Currently, we are farming and selling our fresh produce year-round.



Ben Jackle, along with his wife Emily, started Mile Creek Farm in New Lebanon, OH in 2007. After transitioning the land, the farm became certified organic in 2010. They have operated a CSA since 2008 and currently serve over 300 families throughout the Dayton area. Additionally they market their produce throughout Ohio via Great River Organics, a cooperative of organic farms, and at the 2nd Street Market in downtown Dayton.



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*Peggy Hall, OSU Agriculture & Natural Resource Law Program*

*Stefanie Jaegar, Local Food Marketplace*



Peggy Kirk Hall is an associate professor and field specialist in agricultural and resource law. Hall is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.S., M.S., Natural Resource Policy) and the University of Wyoming College of Law (J.D.), where she served on the Land & Water Law Review. She is a Past President and Board Member of the American Agricultural Law Association (AALA); Past Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association Agricultural Law Committee and served as an Advisory Board Member for the National Agricultural Law Center.

Hall has received the AALA's Distinguished Service Award (2018) and Excellence in Agricultural Law Award (2016), and in 2018 received Ohio's Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Hall currently teaches Agribusiness Law, AEDE 3170, in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University and directs research and outreach projects for OSU's Agricultural & Resource Law Program.

Stefanie was born and raised in the Ashland Wisconsin area on Lake Superior where gardening, hunting, preserving, and made from scratch cooking was the normal way of life. She has spent over 10 years working to strengthen local food systems in some capacity. Stefanie's experience started with running the wholesale department for a local artisan bakery, helping build a new wholesale department for a local coffee roaster, and then went on to manage the Bayfield Foods Cooperative 300 + member CSA for almost 4 years. From there, she found her way to software, building and running a farm success department at Harvie, a CSA software company. With a background and degrees in Marketing and Business Management, and a passion for helping local food growers and producers thrive, Stefanie has found a natural fit at Local Food Marketplace.



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