

Discovery at Ohio State: New Thought for Food - JUNE 2020

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At the Heart of It All

Like so many of our colleagues, partners and friends across the country over the past several weeks, we have been both horrified to see the events that led to the tragic deaths of more unarmed people of color, and heartened to see the response to these events with mostly peaceful demonstrations in nearly every city, large and small. Positive change may finally be in the air when it comes to making racial justice a priority in the United States, which is long overdue.



[Read more on the intersection of food justice, climate change, and racial justice from InFACT's Casey Hoy and Brian Snyder.](#)

Professor Rattan Lal Awarded World Food Prize

We extend our warmest congratulations and heartfelt appreciation for InFACT affiliate,

leader and friend **Professor Rattan Lal** on receiving the World Food Prize. Dr. Lal has been a tireless advocate for soil health as the basis of agricultural systems from producer to consumer, the foundation for the food that connects each of us with society and the land. We have had the honor and pleasure of hosting and hearing his passionate and profoundly rigorous presentations to everyone from Ohio farm leaders to Vice President Al Gore and faith leaders from across the US. His science, compassion and humanity are an inspiration to all, and we couldn't agree more with his selection for this honor. Congratulations, Dr. Lal, on this well-deserved recognition!



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Bringing Ohio State's Expertise to Bear for Organic Farmers and Producers

OFFER—Organic Food & Farming Education and Research—was first founded at The Ohio State University in 1998 in order to provide science-based information for Ohio's organic farmers. In the more than two decades that have passed since OFFER's founding, organic has surged in popularity in Ohio, one of the top states for transitioning to organic production. All of this makes OFFER's mission "to provide research and educational support for producers, processors and marketers of organic foods" even more urgent.



Brian Gwin, OFFER's newly appointed coordinator, is ready for the challenge.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Good Agricultural Practices \(GAP's\) Webinar](#)
July 16

[Emerging Leaders in Food & Ag](#) – Denver, CO
August 17-18

[Regenerative Food Systems Investment Forum](#) – Oakland, CA
September 15-16

[Acres U.S.A Eco-Ag Conference & Trade Show](#) – Columbus, OH
December 1-4

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[USDA NRCS Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production \(UAIP\) Grant](#)
Deadline: July 6

[SWACO 2021 Community Waste Reduction Grant Program](#)
Deadline: August 28

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