InFACT-Funded Study Connects Farmers to New Soil Health Indicators

InFACT faculty hire Christine Sprunger, assistant professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources, and an interdisciplinary research team have wrapped up work on their Linkage and Leverage grant titled, "How can soil health indicators inform farmers’ soil conservation practices and climate adaptation strategies?" Click below to read about their project and the impact it is having on Ohio farmers.

Read the Story
Something very special is happening at The Ohio State University at Lima campus, and we wanted you to know about it. Much of the “extra” land owned by Ohio State surrounding the Lima campus had been farmed in a conventional manner for many years, but a fortunate meeting between Dean and Director Tim Rehner and David Brandt, one of the Buckeye State’s premier regenerative farmers, occurred that would change all that, initiating a vision that is now playing out on what could be called those “fields of dreams.” InFACT is closely monitoring the project, and will be very interested to see the eventual opportunities that develop. We are also excited to see the strong relationship being developed between the landowner and leasing farmer in this case, which is a model that could be followed by others in similar situations. Ultimately, the transformation of an underutilized resource into a research and teaching tool is the fruit of this innovative and forward-thinking food-system project.
Update on Racial Justice Project: Toward Truth & Reconciliation with Dispossessed Native American Tribes

Our December 2020 newsletter article described a fledgling effort to come to terms with the fact that Native tribal lands had been taken and sold to create the original endowments for The Ohio State University and 51 other land-grant universities (LGUs) through the Morrill Act of 1862. Click below for an update, co-written by Lead PI Stephen M. Gavazzi and InFACT Executive Director Brian Snyder, on the initiative to push these LGUs to "step out" of their comfort zones and "step up" to the responsibilities inherent to the ignoble roots of their foundational finances.

[Read the Essay]

InFACT AFFILIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Shoshanah Inwood Published in The Conversation

InFACT faculty hire Shoshanah Inwood, assistant professor in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences' School of Environment and Natural Resources, co-authored the article, "Family farms are struggling with two hidden challenges: health insurance and child care," published May 11 in The Conversation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability (INFAS) webinar: "Resilient Centers and Institutes: Creating and Keeping Them"

May 27, 2021, 3:00 pm
UPCOMING EVENTS

Ohio Food Policy Network Policy Agenda Launch
June 11, 2021, 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Nourishing Life Conference
June 18-19, 2021

The Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability (INFAS) webinar: "Resilient Centers and Institutes: Creating and Keeping Them"
June 22, 2021, 3:00 pm

The Power of Food: Cultivating Equitable Policy through Collective Action – Kansas City, MO
September 20-22, 2021

FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

USDA's Farmers Market Promotion Program
Deadline: June 21, 2021

USDA's Local Food Promotion Program
Deadline: June 21, 2021

NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development
Deadline: July 1, 2021

NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems
Deadline: July 1, 2021

USDA's Regional Food System Partnerships Program
Deadline: July 6, 2021

NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science
Deadline: July 29, 2021

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