

At OFRF Our Actions are Informed by These Values

The purpose of OFRF is the improvement and widespread adoption of organic farming systems in North America. We do this by researching and promoting more effective farming practices, by advocating legislation and government funding that creates a level playing field for organic farmers and by creating an engaged and accessible support network for the organic community. In doing all this, there are common values that characterize the people at OFRF and we are articulating those here for ourselves and for those with whom we interact. The following is a synthesis of input from staff, management and Board.

We empower people's voices to get heard.

Before setting a particular course, we listen to different points of view in order to act collaboratively and we encourage processes that support others to do likewise.

We express respect and integrity.

We tell people the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, and treat people, animals and plants as valued contributors in the web of life.

Our initiatives are farmer-driven.

We support the growth in organic products by finding ways to make it easier for farmers to thrive both in their own enterprises and as a well-informed influential community.

We propagate a sustainable world.

We exemplify environmental, personal and financial stewardship by minimizing negative footprint and maximizing benefit in what we use, what we discard and the activities we do.

Our approach is science based.

The information we distribute and the projects we support are rooted in rigorous research principles and proven results.