

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DWIGHT STOLTZFUS grew up on Springwood Farm in Kinzers, PA as the oldest of 11 children. He assisted his father during the 90s in the gradual transition to becoming certified Organic, and later implementing 100% grass-fed grazing practices. After spending a few years off the farm, he, his wife Brenda, and their one-year-old son moved back to PA and joined his parents in a minority partnership in 2007. Dwight took on the herd and crop management role and in 2022 purchased the farm, successfully transitioning the farm to its fourth generation of family ownership. They are members of Organic Valley/CROPP's Grassmilk program.

STEFAN SOBKOWIAK has the largest commercial organic permaculture orchard in Eastern North America. Miracle Farms is 12 acres in Cazaville, Quebec, Canada. He started with organic monoculture in 1993 and developed the permaculture inspired u-pick orchard. He uses a NAP pattern (nitrogen fixer, apple, and plum/pear trees). The farm incorporates livestock with the fruits and vegetables that he grows on the farm. He has taught at McGill University and speaks to many different groups about setting up a permaculture orchard on any scale. He uses a CSA and Pick-U own for marketing.

NATHAN WEAVER started dairy farming in Mt. Hope, OH and then, moved to Canastota, NY with his wife, Kristine and their children in 2006. They were part of a group looking to have more farms and farmland as their families grew. They established a dairy grazing farm and since then, four of their nine children have started new farms in the area. They moved to Cazenovia, NY after turning the original farm to one of his sons. He and Kristine have started a new dairy farm in that area. Nathan is a frequent contributor for *Graze* magazine.

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- ADVOCATING a way of farming that offers products for the market that are nutritious, wholesome and delicious.
- BUILDING a local agriculture with practices that benefit our rural and urban communities.

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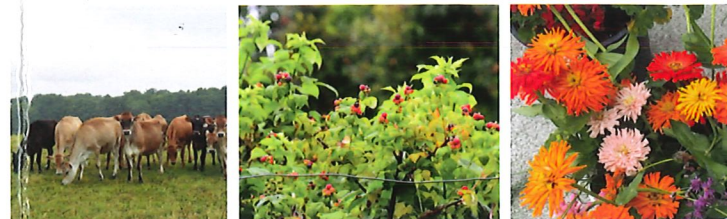
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