

Organic 2051 FAQ

Organic 2051 is a cool program, how did it come about?

MOSES believes deeply that organic, regenerative, and sustainable farming practices can feed the world. It's time for our community to deliver a plan and solutions to the issues of a growing global population and its pressure on the limited resources of our environment. Organic 2051 is designed to bring the community together to develop that plan.

How is Organic 2051 funded?

MOSES is contributing staff time and resources to this project, and some additional funding comes from a USDA Organic Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) conference grant.

Why are there only 100 participants?

The forum is designed to be a place where leaders in our industry come together prepared to lead one another through an insightful discussion of the key topics and issues which need to be addressed and resolved if organic and sustainable farming practices are to become the norm by 2051 and beyond. With our limited funds available to host the event, we need everyone there to be fully engaged, each voice matters. Participants are contributing to the event, not just coming to observe, but to share the best ideas they have, to put their work on the table, taking advantage of this time to build the community for the future.

How did you advertise the opportunity to apply?

We sent several mentions of the application process to our 15,000 subscribers to the *Organic Broadcaster* newspaper, and the *Organic Link* E-newsletter. We also asked partner organizations representing a broad brushstroke of the organic and sustainable farming community to promote the event through their channels.

How did you select the participants?

A review committee of experts in the organic field came together to develop and implement a process for selecting 100 participants from the pool of applicants. Selection criteria included ensuring we had representation from as much geographic, gender, and experience diversity as possible, and also considered farming type, professional affiliations, the completeness of applicants ideas for advancing organic agriculture.

I was not accepted into the event, can I still participate?

We are going to continue to take input from the community. Everyone, not just those in the room on 2/21/19, will have a voice. Those who applied and were not accepted, or those who for whatever reason were unable to apply are encouraged to engage with those who did prior to the event, asking them to represent a more diverse set of interests, and build the community in the process. Also, we are still taking input from the community regarding those ideas and plans which are needed to move organic farming practices forward. Please share your knowledge and ideas here: <https://mosesorganic.org/organic2051/> under the link, "Engage with Organic 2051."

Finally, we are currently exploring ways to make Organic 2051 on 2/21 a live Facebook event, which will further enhance people's ability to participate.

What is going to happen with this in the future? How will MOSES sustain the momentum?

The day of the forum, participants and the community will be provided a summary of the conversation, with an outline of the path forward. In the months following, MOSES will publish a more detailed proceedings with specific recommendations and steps to move the organic discussion forward in alignment with the findings on February 21, 2019. MOSES will shepherd this resource into the future, ensuring its relevance and continued development. We are actively fundraising for a future work designed to accomplish the goals determined at this event. Undoubtedly, there will be regular updates and communication about the findings and the future. Interested donors, sponsors and participants are welcome to contact us with ideas and support.