Registration is OPEN!

24th Annual Spring Conference
March 11-12, 2017
Practical, regionally-appropriate workshops on organic growing, permaculture, homesteading, urban farming, and rural living.

Online Registration is Now Open. Register Here.
Early Registration Pricing until January 31, 2017

Meet Gabe Brown - Spring Keynote

Ask Ruth:
Meet Gabe Brown: Soil Builder Extraordinaire
by Ruth Gonzalez

Gabe Brown, along with his wife, Shelly, and their son, Paul, farm over 5,000 acres near Bismarck, North Dakota. Intent on emulating nature, their innovative farming practices have resulted in corn yields that are 25% above the county average. During drought years while their neighboring conventional farmers face a disastrous lack of hay, the Brown’s hay harvest illustrates the benefits of their regenerative agricultural practices.

Their diversified farming operation includes livestock, cash crops (including spring wheat, winter triticale, oats, corn, sunflowers, grain and forage peas, hairy vetch and alfalfa), and cocktails of cover crops that keep the ground covered as long as possible in their brutal North Dakota weather.

Formally a conventional farmer, Gabe Brown uses no synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, or pesticides on his ranch. Plus they use no GMO’s. He is working toward eliminating his occasional use of herbicides. His attention is focused on improving the soil and working with nature’s cycles to maximize quality of life on the ranch–for the animals, for the plants, for the soil microbes, and for the Brown family. For instance, by shifting their calving from winter to spring, the herd is healthier and the farm work is less nerve-wracking and more relaxed.

Read more......

Gabe Brown will be teaching a full-day preconference workshop, offering a keynote address, and teaching classes at the 24th Annual Spring Conference on March 10-12, 2017.

OGS Gift Cards for the Holidays

Give the Gift of Organic Education

For all the farmers, gardeners, and sustainable living devotees in your life, OGS Gift Cards are the perfect holiday gift. We wish you inspiration, support, and education for all your growing in 2017. May we continue to grow our sustainable food and farming community together.
Upcoming Events

Holistic Farm Planning Workshop For Farmers
January 9-10th, 2017, 9-5

Farm Dreams Workshop
February 4, 2017

Two-Day Charcuterie Workshop with Meredith Leigh
February 10 & 11, 2017

Farm-to-Table Benefit Dinner with Chef John Fleer
February 12, 2017 (Celebrate Valentine's Day with Us!)

If you register for the Spring Conference in December or January, you get $50 off a comprehensive assessment with the OGS Sustainability Coach. Must use the assessment by March 1, 2017. Opportunity at the end of Spring Conference Registration.

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