

Carbon Farming Workshops in Regenerative Agriculture

January 17th – February 5th, 2012

Pfeiffer Center,
260 Hungry Hollow Road
Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977

Presenters include: **Joel Salatin** of Polyface Farm and author of numerous books including *You Can Farm*; **Dr. Wes Jackson**, founder and director of The Land Institute in Salinas, KS; **Dr. Elaine Ingham**, founder and director of Soil Food Web, Inc; **Dr. Ann Adams** of Holistic Management International; **Darren Doherty**, a leading Permaculture designer; and **Dave Jacke** and **Eric Toensmeier**, authors of *Edible Forest Gardens*.

Sponsored by The Northeast Organic Farming Associations of NY and NJ (NOFA-NY, NOFA-NJ), The New England Farmers Union, Terra Genesis International, Food Forest Farm, A Growing Culture, and Gaia University International.

\$1795 all workshops, \$495 individual workshops, \$110 individual workshops
Early registration discounts apply if registered by December 1

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For more information info@carbonfarmingcourse.com

COURSE SCHEDULE:

January 17 – 19 \$395 After Dec. 1st: \$495 (3-day)

Holistic Management with Dr. Ann Adams

An in-depth introductory course in Holistic Management as a series of experiential activities, focusing on goal-setting and tools and “triple bottom line” strategies to live your life sustainably. Holistic Management offers a revolutionary decision-making framework and specific practices to improve group dynamics, communication, and leadership. Dr. Adams has a deep understanding of ecosystem processes and will teach how to use the insights of Holistic Management to reframe what is needed for regenerative agriculture.

January 20 – 22 \$395 After Dec. 1st: \$495 (3-day)

Keyline Farming with Darren Doherty

The workshop is an intensive blend of technical & practical sessions targeted at farmers, professional land managers, consultants, designers, earth movers and anyone with a strong interest in sustainable land management and soil creation. The workshop will fully outline all of the principles and techniques involved with the modern application of Keyline Design.

January 24 – 26 \$395 After Dec. 1st: \$495 (3-day)

Perennial Agriculture with Dr. Wes Jackson

Dr. Wes Jackson and the Land Institute have spent the last 40 years re-creating high-yielding perennial grains to replace fossil-fuel intensive annual production. In the first day of this 3-day workshop, participants will learn the principles of Natural Systems Agriculture: a new paradigm for food production where nature is mimicked rather than subdued and ignored. Natural Systems Agriculture produces farming systems that are:

- **Resilient** – and therefore productive over the long term),
- **Economical** – the need for costly inputs would be significantly diminished), and
- **Ecological** – protect and restore natural ecosystems.

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Tree Crops & Agroforestry: Stabilizing the Global Climate with Perennial Farming Practice with Eric Toensmeier

This unit of the Carbon Farming Course will review the carbon-sequestering capacity of various perennial farming systems. While tons/hectare/year of carbon sequestered varies by climate, soil type, crop, and production system, the numbers are extremely promising and could represent an essential element of a global effort to stabilize climate. Perennial farming systems are also more resilient to chaotic weather events than annual systems.

January 31 – February 2nd 26 \$395 After Dec. 1st: \$495 (3-day)

Living Soils with Dr. Elaine Ingham

The Living Soils workshop with Dr. Elaine Ingham explores the soil food web, compost, and compost tea technology in-depth. In the Soil Food Webs section of the workshop, Dr. Ingham will present on the biology and chemistry of the soil, soil food web principles and myths, the anatomy of roots and compaction, soil management for disease suppression, nutrient retention and C:N ratios, and more. Participants gain a full picture of the soil food web including nutrient cycling and the nitrogen cycle.

February 3 \$95 After Dec. 1st \$110 (1-day)

Biochar Colloquium: Biochar; Silver Bullet or Carbon Hype? with Jason Aramburu

The Carbon Farming Course's unique 1-day Biochar Colloquium brings together everybody who's pumped up about biochar, including top researchers, biochar practitioners, and both proponents and opponents of biochar and *terra preta* as an agricultural response to climate change. Proponents claim that biochar is carbon-neutral or even carbon negative, and can increase soil fertility while permanently sequestering carbon in the soil. Opponents state that biochar is yet another industrial monoculture approach that does not, in fact, represent significant change. Scientists, farmers, and advocates from both sides of the burn barrel will gather for a full day of panels, debates, demonstrations, and updates on the latest research. Special guest Jason Aramburu of Re:Char will share his experience with low-tech biochar production for small farmers in Western Africa.

February 4 \$95 After Dec. 1st \$110 (1-day)

Financing Regenerative Agriculture Conference with Ethan Roland and Guests

How can we make the shift to a carbon-capturing regenerative agriculture across the Northeast USA? Access to capital continues to be a significant barrier. Instead of relying solely on the Farm Bill and government to make the change, Financing Regenerative Agriculture brings together farmers, landowners, investors and consumers to solve the problem through participatory design.

February 5 \$95 After Dec. 1st \$110 (1-day)

Local Food Systems with Joel Salatin of Polyface Farm

Join the world-renowned farmer Joel Salatin for a one-day intensive on building local food systems from the ground up, linking Carbon Farming and regenerative agriculture to thriving local economies.

All Workshops are hosted at:

The Carbon Farming Course is hosted by the beautiful ThreeFold Educational Center in Chestnut Ridge, NY, home of the Pfeiffer Center for Biodynamic Agriculture. On- and off-site housing and food options are available. [More information on venue and accommodations here.](#)