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Georgia Organics Brings 2018 Conference & Expo To Augusta

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On Feb. 16-17, Georgia Organics hosted its [21st Annual Conference & Expo](#) in Augusta, Ga. The conference is one of the largest of its kind in the Southeast and connects nearly 700 farmers, educators, advocates, chefs, and organic food enthusiasts passionate about connecting Georgia food to Georgia families.

Chef Steven Satterfield delivered the keynote address at the Farmers Feast on the evening of Feb. 17. Satterfield is the Executive Chef and Co-owner of Miller Union in Atlanta and author of *Root to Leaf: A Southern Chef Cooks Through the Seasons*. His speech titled "The Value of Food" discussed society's devaluation of food and the importance of minimizing food waste.

Local organic farmers Loretta and Sam Adderson of [Adderson's Fresh Produce](#) were awarded the Land Stewardship Award for their work mentoring up-and-coming farmers throughout Augusta. Kim Hines was awarded the Barbara Petit Pollinator Award for her work empowering farmers and community members to grow and eat organic through her organization [Augusta Locally Grown](#).

Other conference highlights include:

- Composted food waste for soil enrichment through partnership with SMART Recycling U.S.
- Offered **57 educational workshops and sessions** with top-notch speakers
- Led **9 farm tours** around the metro Augusta area
- Hosted an Expo with **50+ exhibitors**, which provided vital networking and business development opportunities.
- Enjoyed delectable food provided by local, organic farms and prepared by outstanding chefs. Our chefs included

Friday Expo:

Seth Freedman with PeachDish
Charleen Tinley
Chef Zu with Kings Apron
Debbi Wolfarth and LaRahna Hughs



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Saturday Farmer's Feast Chefs:

Denise Tucker with Humanitree Juice Joint

Cathy Conway with Avalon Catering

Craig LaPonzina with Augusta Marriott

Nikki Johnson with A Family Affair Catering

Megan Alig with Creative Cuisine

Todd Schafer with Abel Brown

Kristina Dahl with Helms College

High Road Craft Ice Cream

About Our Awards

Land Steward Award - Georgia's organic agriculture community honors the state's foremost leaders every year at the Georgia Organics conference. The Land Stewardship Award was created by Georgia Organics to honor an individual or individuals who have contributed greatly towards the organic agriculture movement in Georgia. The Land Stewardship Award has traditionally been given to a farmer, agricultural professional or researcher who has demonstrated a commitment to the tenets of organic agriculture – soil fertility, biodiversity, on-farm recycling, and water quality – and also the larger community through leadership, education, and outreach.

Pollinator Award - In 2009, Georgia Organics established the Barbara Petit Pollinator Award to honor an individual or organization for outstanding community leadership in Georgia's sustainable farming and food movement. The award acknowledges exceptional success in advancing Georgia Organics' mission by spreading—pollinating—the movement throughout community life, such as the food industry, faith communities, public agencies, schools and institutions. The award is named after Barbara Petit, a committed leader, culinary professional and organizer who served as President of Georgia Organics from 2003-2009. Petit passed away in October, 2015.

About Our Award Winners

Loretta and Sam Adderson are third generation farmers with more than seventy years of farming experience! The Addersons are the renowned owners of Adderson's Fresh Produce, a Certified Organic vegetable and herb farm in Keysville, Ga. The two maintain the farm on the same plot of sun-kissed land that nurtured Loretta as child. Loretta and Sam are deeply committed to Certified Organic and supporting the next generation of young and beginning farmers. The Addersons have been active in three of Georgia Organics' key programs: farmer mentoring, Georgia Food Oasis, and Farm to School. All of their work ties back to the stewardship of land as a reflection of how we steward our own communities and our health.

Kim Hines is an indomitable force in Georgia's Good Food Movement and the backbone of Augusta's local food evolution. She is the founder of Augusta Locally Grown, which leads Augusta's online and weekly farmers markets, and G.R.O.W. Harrisburg, which has installed over 200 raised beds in a neighborhood with little access to fresh produce. Hines cultivates future food system leaders whether it's a junior farmers market manager, culinary nutrition student at Helms College, or mentoring dietetic interns from Augusta University.

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CONFERENCE WEBSITE: <http://conference.georgiaorganics.org/>



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Georgia Organics is a member supported, non-profit organization with a mission to connect organic food from Georgia farms to Georgia families. We strengthen Georgia communities by helping people make connections between the food they eat and where it comes from. For more information, visit www.georgiaorganics.org.

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