

**It's time to renew or sign up for Valley Organic Growers Association!** We are a membership based non-profit organization and we depend on your support in order to keep sustainable agriculture thriving in the North Fork Valley and beyond! Last year we had 140 members with 107 producing members featured in the Directory and on our website.

Your VOGA membership benefits you and your community in a number of ways - we:

- Promote members in our Published Directory, website, email newsletter, Facebook and Instagram
- Sponsor Know Your Farmers tours and Farmer Socials
- Provide scholarships to members to attend conferences/workshops
- Sign on to letters and participate in meetings to stem irresponsible oil and gas development
- Send VOGA representatives to DC to discuss with our elected officials the importance of protecting our water, air and land
- Provide workshops, classes, and agricultural education experiences to our community - farmer to farmer
- Provide representatives to Delta County Working Groups
- Offer Animal Welfare Grants to our members
- Participate in community events like Mountain Harvest Festival, Food & Farm Forum, Art & Ag Tour
- Collaborate with The Learning Council and Slow Food Western Slope to host agricultural-related educational events, workshops and film screenings

### 2020-21 Membership/Sponsorship Fees

- \$50 Directory Listing membership - check made out to VOGA
- These membership/sponsorships are tax deductible; checks are made out to VOGEA.

NOTE: Those providing half, full or back page ads can have a Directory listing, if desired.

- \$35 Basic (non-listing) membership
- \$100 - \$249 Bronze sponsorship
- \$250 - \$499 Silver sponsorship
- \$500 + Gold sponsorship

NOTE: Silver and Gold sponsorships can include Directory listing, if desired.

North Fork Valley members with Directory listings can be included in the printed Directory's map; non-North Fork members can have a map in their online listings. Basic (non-listing) members are acknowledged in the front of the Directory.

We need to receive your membership form and fees by our Annual Meeting (**Thursday, January 30, 2020**, 6:30PM at ShadeScapes, 122 E. Bridge Street, Hotchkiss) in order for you to vote at the Meeting. Either mail your form and fees to PO Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419 or bring them to the Annual Meeting.

### Directory Advertising

Directory advertising is available for members or businesses/organizations that support sustainable agriculture.

Directory Advertising Fees and Dimensions (jpg/pdf format, hi-res, if possible):

- \$125 quarter page (4 7/8"W x 1 3/4"H); \$150 with a Directory listing
- \$250 half page (4 7/8"W x 3 5/8"H); Directory listing, if desired
- \$500 full page (4 7/8"W x 7 5/8"H); Directory listing, if desired
- \$750 for back page full color (4 7/8"W x 7 5/8"H); Directory listing, if desired

Email VOGA (vogaco@gmail.com) if you are interested, ad space is limited.

Enclosures: Membership Form -- Renewing Members, please confirm or revise your information and Directory listing.

Thanks for your continued support and participation in VOGA!

Sincerely,

The VOGA Board of Directors

PO Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

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## 2020-21 VOGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

**New members/listing members:** Please fill out this form and mail it to us with your fee payment. Directory descriptions can be up to 5-6 sentences.

**Renewing listing members:** Check the 2019-20 Directory or go to <https://vogaco.org/directory/> and check your entry. Make any changes below, sign the VOGA mission statement and mail us the form along with your fee payment.

NOTE: Directory and website listings require that we have your signed support of the VOGA mission statement.

**Renewing Basic/non-listing members:** You only need to fill out this form if you contact information has changed. Please mail us your fee payment.

No Changes:

Business Name:

Owner Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Physical Address

(if different than above):

Primary phone:

Email address:

Website address:

Certification:

Inclusion on Directory Map (North Fork Valley listing members will appear in the printed Directory; non-North Fork members will have a map in their online listings.) Circle one: Yes No

Directory Description (for listing memberships only):

For the listing members' Cross Referencing Guide, please check all that apply to your operation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodynamic                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Intern Program        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Naturally Grown             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> USDA Certified Organic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat, Poultry & Eggs  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk Shares           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Plants        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market Participants           | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retailers             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grains & Feed                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Products    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass-Fed Meat                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs & Flowers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine, Cider & Spirits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey                                 |  |

Are you interested in conducting a farm/ranch tour? Circle one: Yes No

VOGA would like to support our farmers/ranchers and pay for the time it takes to be involved in a tour.

If hosting a tour, is it important to you to receive financial compensation? Circle one: Yes No

## MISSION STATEMENT

Valley Organic Growers Association's membership is composed of a number of individuals whose personal belief systems support our mission, principles and vision. Although we are not a certification agency, we are committed to these principles within our producer membership. Please take a moment to review these statements and give us your signed support. Thanks.

The Mission of Valley Organic Growers Association is to promote local sustainable agriculture by supporting and educating producers and consumers.

Our guiding principles are:

Create and support viable local agriculture

Maintain and improve the health of soil, air and water

Ensure the production of nutritious food free from synthetic inputs

We envision a vibrant community of prosperous, local farms that sustain the land and provide healthy agricultural products.

As a producer member of this organization, I support this mission, principles and vision in my agricultural practices.

Signature (mandatory for Directory and website listings):

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Mail membership forms and checks to: P.O. Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

We look forward to your continued participation in VOGA!

The Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization registered to solicit charitable contributions in Colorado. The federal tax identification number for the Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance is 26-2519936. Contributions to VOGEA are tax deductible to the full extent provided by law.