

# VOGA MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022



## It's time to renew or sign up for Valley Organic Growers Association!

We are a membership based nonprofit 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 163 members with 113 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
- 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
- Offer Animal Welfare Grants to our members
- Provide representatives to Delta County Working Groups

### In light of the Pandemic, we cancelled our in person events - in the future we plan to continue to:

- Host Know Your Farmer Events and Farmers Socials
- Participate in community events like Mountain Harvest Festival, Food & Farm Forum, Art & Ag Tour, as well as collaborate with The Learning Council and Slow Food Western Slope to host agricultural-related educational events, workshops and film screenings

### In other News:

- We received grant funding from Western Colorado Community Foundation and Colorado Farm and Food Alliance which enabled us to create our first staff position - Program Director
- We received grant funding from the West Elk Community Fund in order to respond to our community's food needs in light of the pandemic - the funds were distributed to the Senior Lunch Program, our Buy Local Campaign, CSA's throughout the summer to low income families in Delta County, and 20 Local Produce Thanksgiving Boxes to families in need
- We created a new Resources page on our website
- We filmed a series of videos to highlight our local farmers and ways they preserve their fall bounty

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**at 6pm on Thursday, January 28th, 2021**  
**via Zoom - link available at [vogaco.org](http://vogaco.org)**  
**JOIN US!**

## 2021-22 MEMBERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP FEES

### MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY LISTING MEMBERSHIP = \$50  
(Checks are made out to VOGA)

### SPONSORSHIPS

(Checks are made out to VOGEA)

- ➔ BASIC (non-listing) = \$35
- ➔ BRONZE = \$100 - \$249
- ➔ SILVER = \$250 - \$499
- ➔ GOLD = \$500 - \$999
- ➔ PLATINUM = \$1,000 +

**MEMBERSHIP  
DUE BY  
JANUARY 28TH**



Basic (non-listing) members are acknowledged in the front of the Directory. North Fork Valley members with Directory listings can be included in the online map.

We must receive your membership form and fees by our Annual Meeting in order for you to vote at the meeting. Our Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom on Thursday January 28th, 2021 at 6pm - go to [vogaco.org](http://vogaco.org) for the link to the meeting.

Either mail your form and fees to PO Box 1423, Paonia, CO 81428 or renew online at [vogaco.org/join-voga](http://vogaco.org/join-voga)

### DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Directory advertising is available for members, businesses, and organizations that support sustainable agriculture.

### AD FEES & DIMENSIONS

- ➔ QUARTER PAGE = \$125 (5.5"W x 1.75"H); \$150 with a Directory listing
- ➔ HALF PAGE = \$250 (5.5"W x 3.875"H) (Directory listing, if desired)
- ➔ FULL PAGE = \$500 (5.5"W x 8.5"H) (Directory listing, if desired)
- ➔ BACK PAGE = \$750 (5.5"W x 8.5"H) (Directory listing, if desired)

If you are interested in placing an ad, please email VOGA at [vogaco@gmail.com](mailto:vogaco@gmail.com) to reserve your space. Ad space is limited. Those providing half, full or back page ads may have a Directory listing, if desired. If possible, please email digital ads in jpg or pdf, at 300 dpi, in CMYK color mode.

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 1423, Paonia, CO 81428  
[vogaco@gmail.com](mailto:vogaco@gmail.com)  
[vogaco.org](http://vogaco.org)



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# 2021-22 VOGA MEMBERSHIP FORM



**New Listing Members:** Please fill out this form and mail it to us with your fee payment.

**Renewing Listing Members:** Check the 2020-21 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:** Please fill out this form if your contact information has changed. Please mail us your fee payment.

No Changes to directory listing (*please check the box*)

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusion on Online Map (circle one): Yes No

Directory Description (for listing memberships only): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Animal Welfare Approved Certification

Biodynamic

Certified Naturally Grown

USDA Certified Organic

USDA Certified Grass Fed

Colorado Dept of Agriculture Certified Organic

Cheese

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Demeter Certified

Farmers Market Participants

Fruit

Grains & Feed

Grass-Fed Meat

Herbs & Flowers

Honey

Intern Program

Lodging

Meat, Poultry & Eggs

Milk Shares

Nursery Plants

Organizations

Retailers

Specialty Products

Vegetables

Wine, Cider & Spirits

Are you interested in conducting a farm/ranch tour (post pandemic) as part of our Know Your Farmer Program?

Circle one: Yes No

**Please take a moment to review these statements and give us your signed support. Thank you!**

## **OUR VISION**

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

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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.

## **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Create and support viable local agriculture
- Maintain and improve the health of soil, air and water
- Commit to working towards organic standards with the intention of producing food free from non-organic inputs

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

Signature (mandatory for directory and website listings): \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL MEMBERSHIP FORM AND CHECK TO:  
VOGA, PO BOX 1423, PAONIA, CO 81428**



**We look forward to your continued participation in VOGA!**

*The Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance (VOGEA) 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.*

**MEMBERSHIP DUE BY JANUARY 28TH, 2021**