

Plain Community Event	Date	Outreach Conducted
Mid-Ohio Growers Meeting	January 8 and 9, 2015	This is a largely Plain community-attended event held in Dalton, Ohio hosting approximately 800 participants. The goal of the meeting is to provide educational information on growing and marketing fruits, vegetables, and flowers for small-scale growers. OEFFA engaged in Plain community outreach at this event, promoting the opportunity for town all meetings and recruiting inspectors.
Grazing Conference	January 22 and 23, 2015	This event also caters heavily to the Plain dairy and grazing community and is also held in Dalton, Ohio. The event is typically larger, but due to poor weather this year, about 700 participants attended. OEFFA tabled at this event, promoted town hall event opportunities, and recruited Plain inspectors.
West Salem Town Hall Meeting	February 18, 2015	The West Salem Community is an old-order Amish group of mostly mixed vegetable producers. In the past, this group has reached out to OEFFA Certification to request a face-to-face meeting, which gave us the idea for the town hall meetings in this contract. This meeting was conducted in an Amish shop. 70 participants RSVPed, but due to heavy snow, about 30 were in attendance. I worked with community member Harvey Stutzman via letter leading up to the event to set the agenda and make sure we had appropriate resources available. We partnered with an Amish co-op, Greenfield Farms, to host the meeting.
Organic Farming Conference	March 21, 2015	The Amish community self-organized this first-time event held in Mt. Hope, Ohio for about 275 attendees. OEFFA was a vendor at the event, and requested a speaking slot to promote the Sound and Sensible Contract work, but was denied by the board noting issues of fairness to other vendors. Nonetheless, we were happy to table at the event and promote opportunities with the folks in attendance.
Amish Family Farm Field Day	July 17 and 18, 2015	This is the largest Amish event in our region, hosting about 1800 participants. It is self-organized and volunteer-run by a committee, and is hosted by a different Amish family farm each year. OEFFA attended both days of this event, connected with potential Plain community inspectors, and promoted town hall opportunities, among OEFFA's other work.
Organic Dairy Farm Tour	August 4, 2015	One of OEFFA's farm tours this season was held in Hillsboro, Ohio and co-sponsored by the Ohio Grasslands group, a grazing group composed of both Plain and "English" participants. OEFFA co-sponsored and attended this farm tour of 44 participants, and was given some time to present the Sound and Sensible contract work, and recruit potential Plain inspectors.
Commercial Maple Syrup Producers of Michigan	August 28 and 29, 2015	OEFFA plans to attend the first annual educational conference on the "Business of Maple" to be held in Gaylord, Michigan. Participation will be capped at 450. Many of our Amish producers also handle maple syrup on-farm. OEFFA staff plan to promote the Sound & Sensible contract work at this event.