

Jim Gerritsen, wife Megan, and son Caleb, have run the [Wood Prairie Family Farm](#) in northern Maine for over 45 years, MOFGA Certified Organic since 1982. The Gerritsens specialize in growing organic early generation Maine Certified Seed Potatoes, seed crops, and grain. For over 30 years they have sold their organic seed crops through their mail order catalog and web-based business to home and market-gardener customers residing in all fifty States.

In addition to farming, Jim has been active in the organic community for over four decades. He helped found OSGATA (Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association) and has served on its Board of Directors since its inception and has been its long time President. Jim also served on the Board and as President of Organic Seed Alliance (OSA) in Washington State. Additionally, he volunteered for twenty-five years on the MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association) Certification Committee, work which included authoring and reviewing language adopted into the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990. Additionally, Jim helped MOFGA pass Maine's second-in-the-nation GMO Labeling law in 2013.

For many years Jim has cooperated in on-farm organic research trials conducted by scientists at USDA and University of Maine. Jim was President of lead plaintiff OSGATA during the landmark federal lawsuit against Monsanto, known as 'OSGATA et al v. Monsanto.' He was a participant at the two Agrarian Elders Gatherings held in Big Sur, California. On Earth Day 2014, Jim spoke to the United Nations General Assembly about the advantages of organic farming. In October 2011, Jim was named one of '25 Visionaries Who Are Changing the World' by *Utne Reader* magazine.