



Michael Sligh, family-scale rancher, farmer advocate.

Michael Sligh is one of the founders of RAFI-USA, where he managed policy, research and education regarding agricultural best practices, agricultural biodiversity, biotechnology, organic identity preservation and a range of food justice and other value-added food labeling, and marketing issues.

He has more than 30 years' experience in agricultural practices and policy analysis, including both domestic and international work. Michael has held the following positions: Founding Chair of the USDA/National Organic Standards Board; Founder of Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group; Founder of National Organic Coalition, Founding partner of Agricultural Justice Project and Founding member of Domestic Fair Trade Association. He is also a part-time family rancher and a trained anthropologist. Michael lives and farms in North Carolina.