Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Resource & Information Directory

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Vision

Agriculture in Minnesota will be based on dynamic, flexible farming systems that are profitable, efficient, productive and founded on ethics of land stewardship and responsibility for the continuing vitality of local rural communities. Minnesotans will strive to understand and respect the complex interconnectedness of living systems, from soil to people, so as to protect and enhance all natural resources for future generations. Minnesota agriculture will sustain an abundance of food and other products as well as meaningful, self-directed employment that supports the quality of life desired by farmers and rural communities. Agriculture will foster diversity in all of its forms of production, products, markets and cultures.

Mission

To work toward the goal of sustainability for Minnesota agriculture by designing and implementing programs that meet the identified needs and support the creativity of Minnesota farmers.
Introduction

The Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Resources and Management Division began compiling this directory of organizations that work in sustainable agriculture in 1991 to serve as a resource for individuals, producers and groups in Minnesota and the surrounding area. Interest in sustainable agriculture and IPM continues to grow and the information and technical assistance resources available to farmers have increased as well. We hope this directory helps connect you to those resources.

This is the fifth edition of the Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Resource and Information Directory. We tried to locate and include as many organizations as possible. Any information about additional organizations or corrections are welcome.

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www.mda.state.mn.us
Sustainable Agriculture Organizations in Minnesota

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

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Crookston, MN 56716-0599
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Communications Contact: Dan Lemke, dlemke@auri.org

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Waseca, MN 56093-0251
507-835-8990
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AURI Southwest Field Office
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AURI was created to foster long-term economic benefit through increased business and employment opportunities to rural Minnesota through the identification and expansion of existing markets for new or existing commodities, ingredients, and products; the development of new uses or value improvements for Minnesota agricultural commodities; and the development of more energy efficient natural resource saving production practices.

Publication: Agriculture Innovation News, newsletter.

Alliance for Sustainability

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web site: www.allianceforsustainability.net

Our mission is to bring about personal, organizational and planetary sustainability through support of projects that are ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just, and humane.

Programs include Natural Step Framework Seminars and sustainable living classes, Sustainability Resource Center, Sustainability Book Club, Living Green Expo (www.livinggreenerexpo.org), Municipal Greening Initiatives, the Neighborhood Sustainability Conference, Junk Mail Tree Project, Sustainable Sweden Tour, and Centers for Judaism and Sustainability, and Spirituality and Sustainability.


Central Lakes Agricultural Center

Central Lakes College
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Staples, MN 56479
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The mission of the Central Lakes Agricultural Center is to respond to the agricultural and natural resource needs of the people of central Minnesota through leadership in research and education.

Cooperative Development Services (CDS)

400 Selby Avenue Suite Y
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-265-3678
fax: 651-228-1184
web site: www.cdsus.coop

CDS is a nonprofit organization created and governed by the cooperative community of the Upper Midwest. It provides consulting services to groups seeking to form new businesses or organizations, or strengthen existing ones.

Environment Association for Great Lakes Education (EAGLE)

394 Lake Avenue South, Suite 222
Duluth, MN 55802
218-726-1828
email: info@eagle-ecosource.org
web site:  www.EAGLE-ecosource.org
www.Greatlakesdirectory.org

EAGLE’s mission is to provide education and promote community involvement focused on restoring and protecting the Great Lakes ecosystem. EAGLE works on critical environmental concerns in the Great Lakes basin, including water privatization and the threat to children’s health due to environmental toxins. EAGLE serves as an international web-based clearinghouse for Great Lakes issues and information, as well as the Minnesota Hub of the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund.

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy**

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The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) was founded in 1986 by environmental and farm leaders who saw the need for an independent research organization dedicated to addressing the links between agriculture and global trade policies. IATP’s mission is to foster economically, socially and environmentally sustainable communities and regions and to forge links between rural and urban communities. Our goals are to make the relevant policy making institutions understandable, accessible, and accountable; to enable citizens to participate effectively in domestic and international decisions regarding their communities and regions; and to improve economic, environmental, and social conditions for all people, here and abroad. IATP has a history of bringing rural and urban leaders together to address policy issues. IATP’s main program activities are divided into four major areas: Food, Environment, Trade, and Globalization. A wide range of publications and listserves are available. If you would like to know more about IATP and our resources, please visit our web site.

**Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM)**

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**Northwest Research and Outreach Center**
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**Southwest Research and Outreach Center**
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**Joint Religious Legislative Coalition**

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web site:  www.jrlc.org

Non-partisan research and lobbying at the state legislature on social justice issues. Sponsors are the MN Council of Churches, MN Catholic Conference, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of MN and the Dakotas. Reports available on request.

**Land Stewardship Project (LSP)**

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The Land Stewardship Project is a nonprofit membership organization, founded in 1982 to foster an ethic of stewardship to farmland, to promote sustainable agriculture, and to develop sustainable communities. We are a grassroots organization made up of farmers, rural and urban residents working together to secure a healthful food supply; preserve soil, water and wildlife; support diversified, family-sized farms; organize communities for positive change; and hold corporations and government accountable. We offer sustainable farming practices through education, research and demonstrations. We are creating a new regional food system based on sustainability by linking farmers and consumers.

Publications: We produce a nationally recognized publication, *The Land Stewardship Letter*: annual list of Twin Cities Area Community Supported Farms.

**Farm Beginnings – Preparing a New Generation of Farmers**
Farm Beginnings helps new farm families get established on the land. This hands-on program trains new and transitioning farmers in innovative, low-cost farming practices that sustain both farm families and the land. Classroom topics include values clarification, goal setting, whole farm decision-making, business plans, innovative marketing, financing, and social, environmental, and financial monitoring. On farm tours and one-on-one mentorships with experienced farmers give participants opportunities to learn about management intensive grazing, deep-straw bedding for hogs, CSA farms and other examples of innovative stewardship farming.

In partnership with Heifer International. Graduates of Farm Beginnings can apply for a no-interest loan for a variety of livestock species, including dairy and beef cattle, swine, poultry, goats, and sheep.

**Midwest Food Alliance**
Blair Arcade West, Suite Y
400 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-265-3682
fax: 651-228-1184
web site: www.thefoodalliance.org/midwest

Midwest Food Alliance (MWFA) is a third-party certification program that uses a certification seal in a public education and consumer awareness campaign to support local farms and foods. By looking for the MWFA certification seal, consumers can choose and purchase foods from farms that are local, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible. MWFA is the only certification that combines these healthful elements into one certification seal. MWFA has over 60 certified farms throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas, with over 30 certified foods including fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy products. MWFA now has 45 retail partners and works with major Midwestern distributors.

**Minnesota Catholic Conference**
475 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55103-1996
651-227-8777
fax: 651-227-2675
web site: www.mncc.org

Maintains a library of Roman Catholic Church (US Conference of Catholic Bishops and National Catholic Rural Life Conference) statements and materials on sustainable food and agriculture. Staff available for presentations on Roman Catholic Church teaching on sustainable agriculture practices.

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture**
90 West Plato Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55107
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**Agricultural Resources Management and Development Division**
651-296-7686
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The division is committed to making agriculture profitable while protecting the environment. This is accomplished by working collaboratively with producers and other stakeholders on the use and protection of agricultural working lands and related water resources, and identifying and demonstrating sustainable practices and systems. Our outreach activities solicit producer participation in the development of legislation, rules, policies and programs via conferences and forums. Our research partnerships with producers and agricultural scientists explore environmentally friendly practices for working lands, such as conservation drainage and intensive rotational grazing. We provide financial assistance to producers to address environmental issues through low-interest loans. We also have taken the lead on developing several watershed projects that will address impaired waters and Total Maximum Daily Loads, as well as partnering with others to implement pilot projects in southeastern and northwestern Minnesota under the Governor’s Clean Water Vision for Minnesota.
Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program
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The purpose of the program is to demonstrate and promote alternative agricultural and integrated pest management practices that are energy efficient, environmentally sound, and enhance the self-sufficiency of Minnesota farmers. The program sponsors a loan program, demonstration grant program, organic certification cost-share program, on-farm research, weed biological control demonstrations, agronomic plant pest surveys, pest identification for economically significant insects, a biological control research and demonstration greenhouse, workshops, and speakers. An annual Greenbook is published highlighting the results of the demonstration grants. See page 26 for program area descriptions, related web site addresses, and pages 28-30 for related MDA Sustainable Agriculture and IPM publications.

Agricultural Finance Division
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This division makes loans available to help Minnesota farmers and agribusinesses. The Agricultural Finance Division offers a variety of loan programs: Beginning Farmer and Seller Assisted to help new farmers purchase ag land; Aggie Bond for ag land, ag improvements, breeding livestock, and machinery; Livestock Expansion for state-of-the-art improvements in livestock production; Agricultural Improvement for any farm-related purpose; Restructured Loans to help farmers reorganize their debt; and Value-Added Stock Loans for those who want to buy stock in a co-op agricultural processing facility. Administered jointly with the Agricultural Resources Management and Development Division are Sustainable Agriculture Loans that will benefit the rural environment, and the Methane Digester Loan program to help finance necessary equipment and construction of a system that will utilize manure to produce electricity.

Agricultural Marketing Services Division
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This division brings together a number of the licensing, registration, certification, and marketing functions in the MDA. It includes the auditing, licensing, and bonding of grain buyers and grain warehouses; livestock dealers, markets and agents; and wholesale produce dealers. The division works to develop and identify global market opportunities for Minnesota agricultural industries and products, including alternative fuels, Minnesota Grown promotions, and risk management programs.

Minnesota Division - Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA)
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St. Paul, MN 55104
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email: general@iwla.org
web site: www.iwla.org

To conserve, maintain, protect and restore the air, soil, woods, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. To promote the means and opportunities for the education of everyone with respect to these resources. To encourage enjoyment, wise stewardship, and wholesome utilization through the activities of an open and diversified membership. The Minnesota Division will carry out this mission by providing services to the chapters, the national organization, and in performing statewide environmental activities.

Publication: Minnesota Waltonian, newsletter.

Minnesota Food Association (MFA)
3585 Lexington Avenue North
Arden Hills, MN 55126
651-766-8895
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To build a more sustainable food system in Minnesota.

Publication: MFA Digest, quarterly newsletter.

Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA)
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1991 Buford Circle
St. Paul, MN 55108
612-625-8235 or (800) 909-6472
MISA’s mission is to bring together the agricultural and the University communities in a cooperative effort to develop and promote sustainable agriculture in Minnesota and beyond. We have an information exchange service that is free and available to the public. Click on the heading “Resources” in our web site and then click on the heading “Database of resources” to access our searchable database. Jobs, internships, publications, a calendar of events, and “Ask MISA” are also available at our web site. If the internet is not available to you, contact us with an “Ask MISA” request.

Publications: Building a Sustainable Business; Hogs Your Way; Whole Farm Planning; Organic Certification of Crop Production in Minnesota; and many more publications available.

The Minnesota Project

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web site: www.mnproject.org

Southeast Office

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Canton, MN 55922
507-743-8300

Economic development and rural policy nonprofit organization.

Publications: Community Connections, The Whole Farm Planner, newsletters; How to Establish Goals, Whole Farm Planning at Work, Successful Whole Farm Planning, Planning for Whole Farm Management, Minnesota Food Systems, and Clean Energy Resource Teams, booklets.

Minnesota Resource Conservation and Development RC&D

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Hiawatha Valley RC&D
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Onanegozie RC&D
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Mora, MN 55051
320-679-4604
fax: 320-679-2215

Pembina Trail RC&D
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Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
218-253-2646, ext. 103
fax: 218-253-4112

Prairie Country RC&D
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Willmar, MN 56201
320-231-0008, ext. 5
fax: 320-235-8751

Three Rivers RC&D
1160 Victory Drive, #4
Mankato, MN 56001
507-345-7418, ext. 102
fax: 507-345-7123

WesMin RC&D
900 Robert Street, Suite 104
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-763-4733
fax: 320-762-5502

RC&D is a program that helps people protect and develop their economic and natural resources in ways that help improve their area’s environment and quality of life. Local RC&D Councils provide a way for people to plan and implement projects that will make their communities better places to live. For more information please visit our web site at: www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/marc
The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota
1101 West River Parkway, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55415
612-331-0750
fax: 612-331-0770
web site: www.nature.org

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on earth by protecting the lands and water they need to survive.

Publications: Nature Conservancy, quarterly magazine; and semi-annual state update.

North Central Research and Outreach Center
University of Minnesota
1861 Highway 169 East
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
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fax: 218-327-4126
web site: http://ncroc.coafes.umn.edu

Agriculture, forestry, horticulture, tourism, and community economic development research.

Northwest Area Foundation
60 Plato Boulevard East, Suite 400
St. Paul, MN 55107
(651) 224-9635
web site: www.nwaf.org

Mission: To help communities in our eight state region (MN, IA, ND, SD, MT, ID, WA, and OR) reduce poverty, mainly through three programs:

Ventures: The Foundation will identify at least 12 communities with which to work intensively to reduce poverty for the long-term. We will work with these communities to form 10-year partnerships and encourage them to identify what they need and how they want to accomplish their goals. There is no application process for this program. The Foundation selects the communities with which it may partner based on its own research.

Connections: Connections conducts ongoing research to identify and catalog effective and innovative products for poverty reduction efforts, and to track requests for information or assistance. This program also connects communities across the region to share their insights and experiences.

Horizons: This program helps small, rural communities strengthen their leadership base, and thereby, enhance their capability to reverse economic and population decline. Each community will be provided with a locally-based, full-time coach to facilitate training and access to a variety of resources.

Northwest Research and Outreach Center
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2900 University Avenue
Crookston, MN 56716
218-281-8691
fax: 218-281-8603
web site: nwroc.umn.edu

Research on agronomic crops, livestock, entomology, plant pathology, and natural resources.

Organic Alliance
400 Selby Avenue, Suite Y
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-265-3678
fax: 651-228-1184
web site: www.organic.org

The mission of the Organic Alliance is to assist producers and producer groups to effectively develop businesses which profitably bring organically and locally produced products to market. Organic Alliance is a program of Cooperative Development Services, a nonprofit organization committed to sustainable development.


Organic Consumers Association (OCA)
6101 Cliff Estate Road
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218-226-4164
fax: 218-353-7652
email: info@organicconsumers.org
web site: www.organicconsumers.org

OCA is a consumer advocacy organization working to educate and unite organic consumers to protect the integrity of the organic label, promote sustainable agriculture, oppose hazardous practices of industrialized farming and biotechnology, and protect citizen’s right to know how their food is produced.
Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)

Minnesota Chapter
2609 Wheat Drive
Red Lake Falls, MN  56750-4800
218-253-4907
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Contact:  Lorri Ann Hartel

OCIA MN provides independent third party organic certification and crop improvement. Sponsors farm tours and workshops. Network of certified organic farmers that work to provide input for further development of OCIA International Standards and the National Organic Program.

Rosemount Research and Outreach Center

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web site: rroc.coafes.umn.edu

Research on agronomic and horticultural crops, livestock testing.

Sierra Club Northstar Chapter

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web site: www.northstar.sierraclub.org

To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth, to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth’s ecosystems and resources, to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment, and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

Publications:  North Star Journal, chapter newsletter;  Sierra, national magazine; and Sierra Club publishes books on environmental issues.

Southern Minnesota, Northern Iowa Ridgetillers

c/o Freeborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
1400 West Main Street
Albert Lea, MN  56007
507-373-5607

Annual meeting open to all members and the public. Speakers on ridgetill topics. Demonstration plots. Ridgetill slide set available.

Publications:  Southern Minnesota Ridgetillers Directory, describes members ridgetill operations and equipment.

Southern Research and Outreach Center

University of Minnesota
35838 – 120th Street
Waseca, MN  56093
507-835-3620
fax: 507-835-3622
web site: sroc.coafes.umn.edu

Research emphasis is directed toward the production of corn, soybeans, vegetable crops for processing, dairy heifer and beef cattle, swine, drainage/water management, as well as profitable third crops and energy crops. Applied research and outreach activities relate to and promote production efficiencies, profitability, and the best environmental practices for sustainability of agriculture and the rural landscape.

Southwest Farm Business Management Association

Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Southwest Research and Outreach Center
23669 – 130th Street
Lamberton, MN  56152
507-752-7372

Studies practices that reduce inputs and implements more sustainable and environmentally sound agricultural practices that are profitable. Their studies involve both whole-farm analysis and on-farm demonstration of crop production practices.
Southwest Research and Outreach Center

Bruce Potter
23669 – 130th Street
Lamberton, MN  56152
507-752-5066
fax:  507-752-5097
web site:  swroc.coafes.umn.edu

Research on agronomic crops and cropping systems. Includes 160 acres of prime farmland with extensive history of minimal inputs with research plots established in 1989 involving low-input and organic cropping systems. Organic Conversion Project has outreach and research components with 120 acres of certified organic production. Winter workshops, field days, mentor program and organic information hotline.

Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota (SFA)

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Southeast SFA
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507-932-5225
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Western SFA
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Sunburg, MN  56289
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The Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota is a nonprofit educational organization of farmers and others statewide that practice and/or support environmentally friendly, economically viable and socially responsible farming systems. Sustainable farms yield a diverse product mix of food, fiber, renewable energy, environmental protection and educational opportunities.

Sustainable farmers demonstrate their wisdom, experience, and farming methods through field days, farm tours, teaching, mentoring, workshops, and conferences. The education and information exchange may be farmer-to-farmer, farmer-to-consumer, or one generation to the next. Because of their close and enduring connection with the land, sustainable farmers are ideal partners in research and projects with colleges, universities, national, state and regional agriculture and conservation agencies,
and other nonprofit organizations in achieving a more sustainable food and farming system.

Publication: The Cornerpost, quarterly newsletter.

**United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS)**

375 Jackson Street, Suite 600  
St. Paul, MN  55101  
651-602-7859  
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The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides USDA technical leadership and works in partnership with local, state, and other federal conservation agencies and organizations to help people conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources. Our vision is a productive Minnesota in harmony with a sustainable environment. NRCS provides 1) outreach service to all clientele; 2) timely conservation leadership and teamwork; 3) voluntary and incentive-based approaches to solving natural resource and environmental concerns on private lands; and 4) conservation assistance using sound science and technology contained in each local Field Office Technical Guide.

**University of Minnesota Water Resources Center (WRC)**

1985 Buford Avenue, 173 McNeal Hall  
St. Paul, MN  55108  
612-624-9282 or 612-625-2282  
fax: 612-625-1263  
web site: wrc.coafes.umn.edu

The Water Resources Center coordinates water-related research, outreach, and education across departments and colleges at the University of Minnesota. It administers a research grant program and the graduate program in Water Resources Sciences. Staff of the WRC coordinate and manage Extension programs addressing water quality across the state, ranging from agricultural practices and septic systems, to shoreland and urban storm water.

**West Central Research and Outreach Center**

University of Minnesota  
Headquarters Building  
State Highway 329  
Morris, MN  56267  
320-589-1711  
web site: www.wroc.coafes.umn.edu

The development of economically and ecologically sound agricultural systems that build rural communities is the primary mission of this research and outreach facility of the University of Minnesota. Interdisciplinary emphasis is placed on forage and grazing based livestock systems, swine systems, and environmental quality of agricultural management systems. Additional research on crop variety development, weed management, environmental horticulture, dairy grazing, farm profitability, renewable energy, forage and pasture management, soil management, swine, plus irrigation and drainage.

A 13 part video series “Minnesota Rivers” was developed by the U of M at Morris highlighting the history and current state of the Minnesota River. Contact Roger Boleman at 320-589-6150.
This resource directory is available on the Department of Agriculture’s web site: www.mda.state.mn.us
Sustainable Agriculture Organizations Outside Minnesota

**Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)**

432 North Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601
406-443-7272
fax: 406-442-9120
email: aero@aeromt.org

AERO is dedicated to sustainable resource use and community vitality. AERO promotes sustainable agriculture, clean energy, environmental quality, liveable communities and community self-reliance.

Publication: *Sun Times*, quarterly newsletter highlighting ongoing AERO programs and successes.

**Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC)**

National Agricultural Library
10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 132
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-504-6559
fax: 301-504-6927
email: afsic@nal.usda.gov
web site: www.nal.usda.gov/afsic

AFSIC was established by Congress to encourage research, education, and information delivery about farming systems that preserve the natural resource base while maintaining economic viability. The Center is a focal point for those interested in obtaining information from either the scientific or popular literature on all types of alternative farming practices.

**The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy**

PO Box 477
Pittsboro, NC 27312
919-542-5704
email: albc@albc-usa.org
web site: www.albc-usa.org

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy is dedicated to the conservation of genetic diversity in the livestock and poultry species through the promotion of about 100 endangered American breeds. Many of these rare breeds are superior over commercial stocks for use in sustainable operations.


**Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)**

PO Box 3657
Fayetteville, AR 72702
479-442-9824
800-346-9140
fax: 479-442-9842
web site: www.attra.ncat.org

National sustainable agriculture information service providing free publications and tailored research on sustainable agriculture topics. Toll-free help line. ATTRA is a program of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), which also operates programs in renewable energy and sustainable communities.

Publications: *ATTRAnews*, bi-monthly newsletter; more than 230 free publications and information packets.

**Beyond Pesticides/ National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP)**

701 East Street SE, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20003
202-543-5450
fax: 202-543-4791
email: info@beyondpesticides.org
web site: www.beyondpesticides.org

NCAMP is a nonprofit membership organization serving as a national network on pesticide safety and alternative pest management. It conducts an annual conference in the spring.

Publications: *Pesticides and You*, quarterly newsletter; *NCAMP’s Technical Report*, monthly news bulletin; and other publications.
Bio-Integral Resource Center
PO Box 7414
Berkeley, CA 94707
510-524-2567
fax: 510-524-1758
email: birc@igc.org
web site: www.birc.org

Technical reports, abstracts of published scientific papers on integrated pest management for crops, livestock, forests, households, information resource for resource subscribers. Provide database search.

Publications: IPM Practitioner, newsletter; and Common Sense Pest Control Quarterly, newsletter.

Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
University of California
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
831-459-3376
fax: 831-459-2799
web site: www.ucsc.edu/casfs

The Center’s goal is to research, develop, and advance sustainable food and agricultural systems which are environmentally sound, economically viable, socially responsible, nonexploitative, and which serve as a foundation for future generations. We work towards this goal through research, education, and hands-on training.

Publications: The Cultivar, newsletter; Teaching Organic Farming and Gardening, Resources for Instructors, a 600 page training manual for teaching organic farming and gardening skills and sustainable agriculture issues; and distributes a variety of publications on research and education.

Center for Rural Affairs
PO Box 406
Walthill, NE 68067
402-846-5428
fax: 402-846-5420
email: info@cfra.org
web site: www.cfra.org

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Publications: Center for Rural Affairs Newsletter, monthly, print or email versions.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)
1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20009-5728
202-332-9110
fax: 202-265-4594
web site: www.cspinet.org

CSPI is a nonprofit consumer-advocacy group for healthier diets, honest food labeling, safer foods, sensible use of antibiotics in agriculture and medicine, and stronger government oversight of genetically engineered crops.

Publications: Many publications are available.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers
PO Box 363
Davis, CA 95617
530-756-8518
fax: 530-756-7857
email: caff@caff.org
web site: www.caff.org

Community Alliance with Family Farmers is a nonprofit organization cultivating healthy farms, food and communities since 1978. We give voice to environmentally sound agricultural values within government and private industry, creating economic incentives for earth friendly foods.

Publications: National Organic Directory, considered the “yellow pages” of the organic industry; Agrarian Advocate, CAFF’s comprehensive quarterly membership newsletter; and Farmer to Farmer, CAFF’s monthly magazine featuring reports from the fields of sustainable farmers.

Community Alliances of Interdependent AgriCulture (CAIA)
Linda Kleinschmit, Coordinating Director
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Hartington, NE 68739
402-254-3314
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web site: www.caia.net

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Community Alliances of Interdependent Agriculture (CAIA) was developed from the 1992-1998 IFFS (Integrated Food & Farming Systems) Initiative of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. CAIA was incorporated in 1998 and currently has a coordinating Director and a 10 member Board of Trustees.

The purpose of CAIA is to enable people to create food and farming systems that improve and sustain ecological, economic, and social health through systemic, community-based, self-organizing governance. CAIA is composed of groups called Community Alliances, local grass-roots groups working on agricultural and food issues of various scope and nature. Currently there are two Community Alliances: Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) and Michigan Integrated Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS). NAMA is composed of a diverse group of stakeholders addressing issues facing the Atlantic Marine Fisherman that are similar to those facing agriculture. MIFFS is an agricultural organization working to sustain family farmers and communities.

CAIA has partnered with a number of organizations, regionally and nationally, looking at marketing initiatives, conservation and economic development issues as well as health and the environment. CAIA was instrumental in developing an internet marketing web site, to assist family farmers and others to obtain a fair return by direct marketing their products.

**The Community Farm**

3480 Potter Road
Bear Lake, MI 49614
231-889-3216
email: csafarm@jackpine.com
web site: http://tcf.itgo.com

The Community Farm is a quarterly newsletter especially for people interested in community-supported agriculture (CSA). Subscription is $17 per year. Sample on request.

**Community, Food, and Agriculture Program** *(Formerly Farming Alternatives)*

Cornell University
216 Warren Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-9832
web site: www.CFAP.org

The Community, Food and Agriculture Program was established in 1986 to assist farm families in developing profitable new agricultural enterprises and marketing strategies. Since that time, the program has broadened its focus to develop ways that communities can be built, sustained and strengthened by agriculture and food systems; thus enabling farmers, processors, and other community members to meet their sustenance and social needs through largely local, democratic, and entrepreneurial processes.

The mission of the Community, Food, and Agriculture Program is to support Agriculture and Food Systems-based Community Development in New York and the Northeast through integrated and multi-disciplinary teaching, research, and extension programs.

Publications: *Growing Home: A Guide to Reconnecting Agriculture, Food and Communities*, $25.00; *Agritourism in New York State: Opportunities and Challenges*, four case-studies, $12.00; *Farming Alternatives: A Guide to Evaluating the Feasibility of New Farm-Based Enterprises*, a step-by-step workbook, $8.00; *Practical, Profitable and Sustainable; Innovative Management Strategies on Four New York Dairy Farms*, in-depth case studies, $6.50; *Cultivating Farm, Neighbor and Community Relations*, a bulletin, $5.00; *Adding Value to Sustainability: A Guidebook for Cooperative Extension Agents and Other Agricultural Programs*, $8.50.

**Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC)**

1220 Potter Drive, Room 170
West Lafayette, IN 47906-1383
765-494-9555
fax: 765-494-5969
email: ctic@ctic.purdue.edu
web site: www.ctic.purdue.edu

CTIC leads the development of public/private partnerships which promote the enhancement of soil and water quality by equipping agriculture with realistic, affordable, and integrated solutions.

**Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool (CROPP) (Organic Valley)**

507 West Main Street  
La Farge, WI  54639  
608-625-2602  
fax: 608-625-2600  
contact: Tim Griffin  
web site: www.organicvalley.com

Marketing cooperative, producing and distributing organic produce, meat and dairy products.

Publications: The CROPP Forum and The Dairy O!, newsletters.

**Dakota Resource Council (DRC)**

PO Box 1095  
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Dickinson, ND  58601  
701-483-2851  
fax: 701-483-2854  
email: mtrechock@pop.ctctel.com

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701-224-8587  
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**Fargo Office:**

118 Broadway, Suite 801  
Fargo, ND  58102  
701-298-8685  
fax: 701-298-9044  
email: tls@i29.net

DRC is a grassroots membership organization of farmers, ranchers, and small business people dedicated to the preservation of the rural community and its agricultural economy. Seeks to empower North Dakotans to take an active role in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.

Publication: Dakota Counsel, quarterly newsletter.

**Dakota Rural Action (DRA)**

PO Box 549  
Brookings, SD  57006  
605-697-5204  
fax: 605-697-6230  
email: action@dakotarural.org

DRA is a grassroots organization of farmers, ranchers, church and small business people that strives to give people a strong voice in decisions affecting their lives. DRA members organize on a range of issues including sustainable agriculture, keeping family farms in place, wind energy, health and the environment, state tax reform, and appropriate waste management.

Publications: Action Review, bi-monthly newsletter; and regularly published fact sheets and booklets.

**Eastern Wisconsin Sustainable Farmers Network**

N9030 Little Elkhart Lake Road  
Elkhart Lake, WI  53020  
920-876-2182

Network of farmers, technical advisors, and sustainable farming advocates with a goal to promote the understanding of sustainable agriculture concepts and practices among fellow farmers and the general public.

**Ecological Agriculture Projects**

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Ste. Anne de Bellevue  
Quebec, CANADA  H9X 3V9  
514-398-7771  
fax: 514-398-7621  
email: eapinfo@macdonald.mcgill.ca  
web site: www.eap.mcgill.ca

Canada’s largest resource center of sustainable agriculture, founded by Dr. Stuart B. Hill in 1974, holds over 2,000 books, 200 journals, and 100,000 articles (both popular and scientific) on all aspects of organic production including crop production, pest control (home, garden, and farm), livestock production, soils and fertilizers, cropping systems, policy and economics, and organic agriculture. We also hold extensive files in the areas of environmental issues, energy, sustainable development, health and nutrition, and food. Audiovisual materials and organization files round out the collection. Membership access. For our brochure listing membership details and our publications list send a self addressed, stamped envelope. Our web site is open to all.
Farm Verified Organic (FVO) International Certification Services (ICS) Inc.

301 Fifth Avenue SE
Medina, ND  58467
701-486-3578
fax:  701-486-3580
email:  info@ics-intl.com
web site:  www.ics-intl.com

ICS, Inc. is an international organic certification program, verifying the authenticity of organically grown and processed foods. International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) accredits the FVO program, for all areas (crops, processing, wild production, livestock and certification transference). ICS also carries accreditation/approvals from USDA National Organic Program, USDA IS065, Quebec Accreditation Council, Bio Suisse, and UKROFS.

Publication: Newsletter.

Forage Systems Research Center

University of Missouri
21262 Genoa Road
Linneus, MO  64653
660-895-5121
fax:  660-895-5122
web site:  aes.missouri.edu/fsrc

The goal of the Center is to do component research on forage plants, soils, and beef cattle and integrate this research into working systems. Centers around pasture, rotational grazing and forage utilization. Sponsors various workshops and grazing schools for producers and extension personnel.

Publications: Forage Systems Update, quarterly newsletter; and other articles and periodicals.

Henry A. Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy at Winrock International

1621 North Kent Street, Suite 1200
Arlington, VA  22209-2134
703-525-9430
fax:  703-525-1744
email:  wallacecenter@winrock.org
web site:  www.wallacecenter.org

Research, policy analysis, and capacity building for sustainable farms and communities. Wallace Center staff work to understand the driving forces and environmental and social impacts of an industrialized food system and its alternatives, promote sound natural resources management, and educate and empower rural communities and other food system participants. Projects are a unique mix of applied research and capacity building through collaborations with other scientists, public and private organizations, and policymakers.

Publications: Alternative Agriculture News, monthly newsletter; policy studies reports; and other project-related publications.

Independent Organic Inspectors Association

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The Independent Organic Inspectors Association provides the organic industry with trained and qualified inspectors, promotes consistency in the inspection process and addresses issues and concerns relevant to organic inspectors. IOIA has over 300 inspector, apprentice and supporting members from 14 countries. IOIA coordinates inspector training courses throughout the world.

Publications: The Inspectors Report, quarterly newsletter; annual membership directory; and IOIA Organic Inspection Manual.

International Ecological Agriculture Trade Association (IEATA)

301 Main Street, PO Box 27
Osco, IL  61274-0027
800-373-5971
309-522-5505
fax:  309-522-5570
Canada:  800-779-3959

Organized in 1991 to promote and encourage the use of ecologically sound agriculture worldwide. Members include manufacturers of ecologically oriented products, technology developers and writers, consultants, producers, and other interested parties.
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

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fax: 011-49-228-964 99 795
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web site: www.ifoam.org

IFOAM’s mission is leading, uniting, and assisting the organic movement in its full diversity. Our goal is the worldwide adoption of ecologically, socially, and economically sound systems that are based on the principles of Organic Agriculture.

Publications: Organic Agriculture Worldwide, directory; Ecology and Farming, magazine; IFOAM Insider, and IFOAM in Action, newsletters; and other publications.

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 444
Des Moines, IA 50309-2321
515-288-1846
fax: 515-288-0137

To build partnerships and educate Iowans to protect, preserve, and enhance Iowa’s natural resources for future generations.

Publications: Iowa Natural Heritage, quarterly magazine; trail guides; land owner options; and other publications.

Kansas Rural Center
PO Box 133
Whiting, KS 66552
785-873-3431
fax: 785-873-3432
email: ksrc@rainbowtel.net
web site: www.kansasruralcenter.org

Research, education, and advocacy work in sustainable farming and water quality.

Publications: Monthly newsletter and other publications available.

The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Inc. (KCSA)
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Poteau, OK 74953-0588
918-647-9123
fax: 918-647-8712
email: mailbox@kerrcenter.com
web site: www.kerrcenter.com

The Kerr Center is a nonprofit organization supported by private endowment, grants, and donations. The Center seeks ways to sustain our world rather than to exhaust natural resources vital to future generations. We provide leadership, technical assistance, farming demonstrations, applied research, and education for farmers and ranchers who seek ecologically and economically sound methods of producing food and fiber.

The Land Institute
2440 East Water Well Road
Salina, KS 67401
785-823-5376
fax: 785-823-8728
email: theland@landinstitute.org
web site: www.landinstitute.org

We intend to stop soil erosion and attain farm fertility and pest and disease resistance with little use of commercial inputs. Natural Systems Agriculture is our 25-year research program to develop perennial grain crops grown in mixtures mimicking the native ecosystem, prairie. We grant fellowships to graduate research students.

Publications: The Land Report, published three times per year; and research papers upon request.

Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
Iowa State University
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Ames, IA 50011-1050
515-294-3711
fax: 515-294-9696
email: leocenter@iastate.edu
web site: www.leopold.iastate.edu

The focus of the Center is to: identify and reduce adverse environmental and socioeconomic impacts of agricultural practices; develop profitable farming systems that conserve natural resources; and, develop (in association with
the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service) an educational framework to inform the public of new findings.

**Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition**

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Madison, WI  53707-7814
608-226-0300
fax: 608-226-0301
email: info@macsac.org
web site: www.macsac.org

The Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Coalition works for a just and locally based food system by promoting CSA farms serving south and southwest Wisconsin. Our recently updated Food Book, *From Asparagus to Zucchini: A Guide to Farm-Fresh, Seasonal Produce*, is an indispensable tool for all fresh produce lovers and is available direct from us and at many natural food stores. The coalition works to strengthen local CSA farms by facilitating the sharing of information between farms through farm tours and other grower gatherings. The coalition also makes CSA shares affordable for low-income households through its Partner Shares Program.


**Michael Fields Agricultural Institute**

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web site: www.michaelfieldsaginst.org

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI) is a public nonprofit institute whose mission is to cultivate the ecological, social, economic and spiritual vitality of food and farming systems through education, research, and policy and market development. MFAI programs serve a wide range of farmers and gardeners, from small and midsize organic farmers to larger conventional producers. While many of our programs focus on Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest, others are national and international in scope. The institute’s major program areas are: 1) crop research in sustainable, organic and biodynamic farming systems, including replicated research trials and on-farm demonstration projects in organic matter budgeting, alternative cropping systems, whole farm nutrient management, root health and breeding of open-pollinated corn; 2) sustainable farming systems outreach and education, including an on-site outdoor farm classroom for farmers and agency professionals; 3) sustainable food systems education and development, including urban-rural, farmer-consumer connections through conferences, workshops, chef-intern program and marketing programs; 4) sustainable agriculture policy development at state and federal levels; and 5) garden student training for beginning farmers and agriculturalists in an on-site vegetable operation and with other local cooperating enterprises.

Publications: *Developing and Testing Nutrient and Organic Matter Budgeting and Practices that will Reduce the Leaching of Nutrients into Surface and Groundwaters*, Walter Goldstein Ph.D.

**Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA)**

124 South Main Street
PO Box 344
Viroqua, WI  54665
608-637-2526
fax: 608-637-7032
email: mosa@mosaorganic.net
web site: www.mosaorganic.org

MOSA provides reliable and efficient verification and certification services to producers and processors in the upper Midwestern US, consisting of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio. MOSA is committed to maintaining a timely, courteous, accurate, transparent, and consistent approach throughout the program and on a day-to-day basis.

Publication: *The Organic Cultivator*, quarterly newsletter.

**National Agroforestry Center**

East-Campus - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE  68583-0822
402-437-5178
fax: 402-473-5712

The National Agroforestry Center is a partnership among the USDA Forest Service, Research & Development (Rocky Mountain Research Station), State & Private Forestry and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Center’s purpose is to accelerate the
development and application of agroforestry technologies to attain more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable land-use systems. To accomplish its mission, the Center interacts with a national network of cooperators to conduct research, develop technologies and tools, establish demonstrations and provide useful information to natural resource professionals.

**National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)**

509 Capital Court Northeast
Washington, DC 20002
202-547-6223
email: webmaster@nacdnet.org
web site: www.nacdnet.org

The mission of NACD is to advance the interests of the nation’s conservation districts and provide needed services to further the conservation, wise use, and orderly development of natural resources.

Publications: Newsletters: *Conservation Briefs; e-Notes from NACD; NACD News & View.* Other: *A Guide to Services: Conservation Districts: Their Origin, Development and Functions; Winning in Washington; Achieving Effective Land Stewardship: A Framework for Action; Backyard Conservation; and numerous other publications. Conservation film service offers 16 mm film, video and slide/tape presentations.*

**National Catholic Rural Life Conference**

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web site: www.ncrlc.com

The National Catholic Rural Life Conference is a membership organization grounded in a spiritual tradition that brings together the Church, care for creation and care for community. The NCRLC fosters programs of direct service and systemic change. As an educator in the faith, the NCRLC seeks to relate religion to the rural world; develops support services for rural pastoral ministers; serves as a catalyst and convener for social justice.

Land, Church and Community: A Program in Sustainability, is a major program area of the NCRLC. It seeks opportunities to engage parishes and local faith and church-based organizations in broader public and community issues related to the ownership and care of land.

The Four Primary Goals are: 1) to revitalize rural parishes, diocesan and religious congregations of men and women through the creative use of their land; 2) to assist religious institutions to give public witness in creative and healing land care programs; 3) to engage a broader public in an ongoing dialogue about land care and generativity as elements of responsible ownership; and 4) to provide models.

**Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society**

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web site: www.nebsusag.org

The Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society (NSAS) is a nonprofit membership organization with a mission “to promote agriculture and food systems that build healthy land, people, communities and quality of life, for present and future generations.” Our objectives are to support farmers using sustainable agricultural practices, inform conventional farmers about sustainable agriculture, and educate urban consumers and youth about sustainable, local food systems. Conference: Annual Healthy Farms Conference in February.

Publications: *NSAS bimonthly, newsletter; Membership directory (published every other year); Direct Marketing Resource Notebook for the Midwest Sustainable Agriculture Working Group; Impacting the Future of Nebraska’s Agriculture: Nebraska IMPACT Project Report: 1995-1998; and Building Rural Women’s Leadership in Sustainable Agriculture: Women’s Groups in the Nebraska IMPACT Project.*

**North Dakota State University**

Carrington Research Center
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web site: www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/carringt

Cropping systems research that involves conservation tillage, crop rotations and multiple croppings.
Development of alternative crops for the Northern Plains. Irrigation management and water quality impacts for cropping systems. Dry lot beef cattle nutrition, management and integration with cropping systems.

Publications: Annual farmer reports, and project progress reports.

**Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society**

9824 - 79th Street SE
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web site: www.npsas.org

Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society, a non-profit membership organization, is committed to the development of a more sustainable society through the promotion of ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable food systems.

Publications: *The Germinator*, quarterly NPSAS newsletter; *The Sprout*, interim news updates; *Transitions Notebook; Switching to a Sustainable System*, Fred Kirshenmann; *Crazy Musings*, Terry Jacobson; *Big Thoughts from a Small Farmer*, Terry Jacobson; *Seeds For the Future* (Video), David Podoll and Steve Zwinger; *The Essentials of Producing Organic, Certified Seed*, Tom Sinner, ND State Seed Dept. and Brenda Rogers, Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (Video).

**Organic Center for Education and Promotion**

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The Organic Center for Education and Promotion communicates credible, peer-reviewed organic benefits to society, resulting in the conversion of agriculture to organic methods, improved health for the earth and its inhabitants, and greater awareness and demand for organic products.

**Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)**

6400 Cornhusker, Suite 125
Lincoln, NE 68507-3160
402-477-2323
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OCIA International, Inc. is a worldwide certification organization with 71 chapters and 35,000 members. OCIA provides crop improvement information to all its members and all certified members have use of the OCIA seal. The OCIA seal is the most widely known and respected seal indicating that the certified organic product meets OCIA’s stringent standards.

**Chapters:**

**OCIA of Minnesota**
(see Minnesota section in this directory)

**OCIA of North Dakota**
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Garrison, ND 58540
701-743-4301

**OCIA of South Dakota**
Route 1, Box 92
Selby, SD 57472
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**Organic Farming Research Foundation**

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Santa Cruz, CA 95061
831-426-6606
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Our mission is to sponsor research related to organic farming practices, to disseminate research results to organic farmers and other interested growers, and to educate the public and decision makers about organic farming issues.

Publications: Grant application guidelines and list of grants funded; National Organic Farmers’ Survey Results; *Information Bulletin*, newsletter; *Searching for the O-Word*, report on USDA funding of organic research; *State of the States, 2nd Edition*, a report on organic research and education projects at the land grant universities, and *On-Farm Research Guide*. 

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Organic Materials Review Institute

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The Organic Materials Review Institute is a nonprofit organization created to benefit the organic community and the general public. Its primary mission is to publish and disseminate generic and brand name lists of materials allowed and prohibited for use in production, processing, and handling of organic food and fiber.

Organic Trade Association

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The mission of the Organic Trade Association is to encourage global sustainability by promoting diverse organic trade. OTA provides leadership consistent with organic principles and values, and creates and expands market opportunities for the industry. The goals of OTA are to serve its Association members and to: promote awareness and understanding of organic agriculture and products; protect the integrity of organic standards; increase the sales and sustainability of the industry; provide a strong and unified voice on legislative, regulatory and policy issues; and protect the environment and sustain a balanced ecosystem. Produces “All Things Organic” annual conference and trade show.


Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA)

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Pesticide Action Network, advancing alternatives to pesticides worldwide. Explore our extensive resources (updated daily). Find out about our organization and work. Join us!

Need detailed information on pesticides? See our comprehensive database at: www.pesticideinfo.org.

You can join our efforts! We gladly accept donations for our work and all contributions are tax deductible in the US. Visit: www.panna.org/donate.

Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI)

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PFI is a nonprofit, sustainable agriculture group dedicated to farming that is profitable, environmentally sound, and healthy for consumers and communities. Founded in 1985, PFI has over 600 farmer and non-farmer members.

Publications: The Practical Farmer, quarterly newsletter; annual field day guide; annual conference program; on-farm research report; and annual report.

The Rodale Institute

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The Rodale Institute® is a not-for-profit educational and research organization committed to finding successful agricultural solutions to health and environmental problems. The Rodale Institute has worked for 60 years, bringing to life the philosophy of J.I. Rodale, the founder, that Healthy Soil = Healthy Food = Healthy People®.

NewFarm.org® informs, encourages, equips and inspires farmers with success stories and expert resources that provide the support they need to take the important transition steps toward organic/regenerative agriculture. On its own, and with various research partners, The Institute also engages scientific trials and experiments on
organic/regenerative farming methods in the US, and elsewhere throughout the world. The Institute provides information and forums for learning and dialogue for farmers worldwide through www.newfarm.org; and for children worldwide through www.kidsregen.org. Kidsregen.org® is an exciting internet magazine aimed at children ages 7 to 10, families and educators.

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The Rural Coalition is an alliance of regionally and culturally diverse community based organizations in the US and Mexico working to build a more just and sustainable food system – bringing fair returns to minority and other small farmers and rural communities, fair working conditions for farm workers, protects the environment, and provides safe and healthy food for all. Members’ products are sold via the internet at: www.supermarketcoop.com.

Publications: Annual report; newsletter; and other publications.

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The Savory Center works to restore the vitality of communities and the natural resources on which they depend. This mission is carried out through a range of activities directed at: sharing learning about the physical world and about restorative, creative and dynamic processes; generating the knowledge that real solutions are available to restore the biodiversity upon which all life depends; invigorating planning and decision making in communities and family operations; enhancing institutional, corporate, and public planning and policy making; increasing citizen participation in sound resource management.

Publications: *Holistic Management In Practice*, bi-monthly newsletter; books; workbooks; and charts.

**Seed Savers Exchange (SSE)**

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SSE is a nonprofit organization that is saving endangered and/or old-time food crops from extinction. Each year some 1,000 of SSE’s members save and distribute seeds to ensure their survival. All memberships include the publications listed below.

Publications: *Seed Savers Yearbook*, names and addresses of members and 12,000 listings of rare and unusual vegetables that they are offering to other members of SSE; *Summer Edition*, helps to locate lost varieties, informative transcripts, articles, speeches, etc.; *Harvest Edition*, articles about SSE’s Campout Convention, and activities at the farm; and other publications.

**Soil and Water Conservation Society**

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The Soil and Water Conservation Society fosters the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.

Publication: *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, six times/year.

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Main emphasis is on no-till production systems with special attention to rotations with legume crops. Research with low-pressure irrigation systems and biocontrol.

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Publications: Bulletin summarizing results of a long-term comparison of alternative (organically), conventional and reduced-till farming systems are available.

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Conducts varietal trials in corn, soybeans, small grain, and forages. Also, compares conventional, ridgetill, and no-till cropping systems. Research in hog and beef nutrition.

Publication: Annual progress report.

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Network of farm, religious, conservation, environmental, food and rural advocacy groups, urban and rural people, primarily from the Midwest. Focus is to affect federal policy relating to sustainable agriculture, conservation and family farms.

Sustainable Agriculture Network

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The Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) serves as the outreach arm for the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, disseminating information through electronic and print publications.

Publications: Books: *Building Soils for Better Crops; Managing Cover Crops Profitably; Steel in the Field; New American Farmer; Building a Sustainable Business; Small Dairy Resource Book; The Real Dirt; Managing the Blue Orchard Bee; The New Farmer’s Market;* Bulletins and Brochures: *Profitable Pork, Strategies for Hog Producers; Profitable Poultry, Raising Birds on Pasture; Reap New Profits, Marketing Strategies for Farmers & Ranchers; Put Your Ideas to the Test: How to Conduct Research on Your Farm or Ranch; Naturalize Your Farming Systems: A Whole Farm Approach to Managing Pests; Meeting the Diverse Needs of Limited Resource Producers; Exploring Sustainability in Agriculture;* and *2003 SARE Highlights.*

Ordering information for SAN books is available at our web site: www.sare.org/htdocs/pubs/ToOrder.html or call 802-656-0484. Bulletins are free and are available in quantity to educators. Phone: 301-504-5236; email: san_assoc@sare.org.

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The National Organic Program is intended to bring stability and credibility to a rapidly expanding market. Since October 21, 2002, the official USDA organic seal is permitted for use on certified organic fresh and processed products to indicate they have been produced under regulated standards and certified by an agent accredited by USDA. Consumers will be assured that products labeled as organic have been produced using consistent practices and that products organically grown in other countries and sold in the US were produced using similar oversight and equivalent standards.

The National Organic Standards Board was established in 1992 and consists of 15 private-sector appointees. The Board provides policy advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on carrying out the program in accordance with the rules and provisions governing national advisory committees. Board membership is composed of four individuals who own or operate an organically grown handling operation, one who owns or operates a retail establishment with significant trade in organically grown products, three individuals with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation, three who represent public interests or consumer interest groups, one with expertise in the field of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry, and one who is a certifying agent. The certifying agent position is currently filled on a rotating basis among existing state and private certifiers.

**North Central Region (NCR)**

**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program**

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SARE’s mission is to increase knowledge about, and help farmers and ranchers adopt, more sustainable practices and systems that are profitable, environmentally sound, and beneficial to local communities and society in general. NCRSARE strengthens rural communities, increases farmer/rancher profitability, and improves the environment by supporting research and education.

NCRSARE administers four regional grant programs: Research and education grants; graduate student grants; producer grants; and professional development grants.

**Publications:** National brochures on the SARE Program; information on individual projects; information on the grant programs; and listing of previously funded projects.

**University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (UC SAREP)**

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UC SAREP provides leadership and support for scientific research and education to encourage farmers, farm workers, and consumers in California to produce, distribute, process and consume food and fiber in a manner that is economically viable, sustains natural resources and biodiversity, and enhances the quality of life in the state’s diverse communities for present and future generations. SAREP administers two funding programs: a competitive grants program for research and education and the Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS) grant program which helps growers reduce pesticides and synthetic fertilizers using a team approach involving farmers, farm advisors, researchers and pest control advisors.

**Publications:** *Sustainable Agriculture*, tri-quarterly newsletter, free; other publications; and web site containing most publications; a cover crops database with 400 images; information on two grant programs; and summaries of 11 years of research projects.

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Agroecology/Sustainable Agriculture Program**

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At the University of Illinois, Sustainable Agriculture programs and activities are coordinated through the Agro-Ecology/Sustainable Agriculture Program (ASAP). ASAP seeks to be an active presence on campus and across the state to “facilitate and promote research and
education which protects Illinois’ natural and human resources, and sustain agricultural production forever.”

Activities are focused on three areas: outreach, training, and research. The primary, overarching objective of ASAP and the Illinois Professional Development Program (PDP) is to change how agriculture is done in our state. All our research and educational programming is designed to nurture and develop alternatives to an agricultural system that is increasingly dependent on costly technological fixes that have trapped us in a destructive cycle that degrades natural resources, farmers and rural communities. We seek to effect change within the system (e.g., university agricultural research, state and federal agriculture agencies, etc.) and by working directly with producers. The PDP contributes to this goal by enhancing the capacity of extension educators (and other agricultural professionals) to conduct formal and informal adult education programs about sustainable agriculture on a local and state level, and to provide technical assistance to farmers making the transition to sustainable agriculture systems.

Publications: Agro-Ecology News and Perspectives, a quarterly publication, free; ASAP Update, monthly electronic newsletter; Farm Direct, central Illinois farmer to consumer directory of locally produced and locally sold foods; and A Different Field, innovative entrepreneurs in Illinois farming.

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

**Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS)**

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CIAS brings university researchers, farmers, policy makers, environmentalists and others together to solve on-farm problems and to promote environmental, economic and rural community sustainability. Program areas include sustainable production and marketing of livestock, fresh produce and grain, institutional participation in regional food systems, specialty crops, urban food systems, food systems analysis, and pesticide use and risk reduction.

Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy Farmers. Emphasizing grass-based dairy farm business start ups. Free informational CD about the school is available at: 608-265-6437.

Publications: Research briefs; research reports; newsletters; web site; videos; and more.

**Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (CSARE)**

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To facilitate cooperation and collaboration among researchers, extension workers, educators, farmers, advocates and other professionals in order to enhance their individual and collective capacity to conduct research and education and to shape research and education policy toward a more sustainable agriculture and food system.

Publication: Inquiry in Action, quarterly newsletter.

**Nutrient and Pest Management Program**

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Promotes agricultural practices that protect water quality and farm profitability through on-farm demonstrations, workshops, and publications.

Publications: Field Notes Newsletter; publications on crediting on-farm nutrient sources, phosphorus management in dairy systems; integrated weed management; and nutrient management planning.

**Program on Agricultural Technology Studies**

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The Programs on Agricultural Technology Studies (PATS) is an applied research unit of the College of Agricultural
and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. PATS conducts innovative research and outreach focused on the impacts of new agricultural technologies and public polices on family farming in Wisconsin. Recent research examines such topics as rotational grazing, rBGH, manure and nutrient management and structural change in the farm sector.

Publications: Extensive list of publications available upon request.

**West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc. (WWLT) (Formerly Wisconsin Farmland Conservancy)**

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The WWLT is a land trust that has a special focus on working with sustainable farmers.

Publication: *Open Spaces*, newsletter.

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Winrock International works with people in the US and around the world to increase economic opportunity, sustain natural resources, and protect the environment. It matches innovative approaches in agriculture, natural resources management, clean energy, and leadership development, and policy with the unique needs of its partners. Additionally, it offers volunteer technical assistance and ecosystem services to provide people with the information and resources they need for sustainable progress. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas and technology, Winrock is increasing long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management to benefit the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

With headquarters in Arkansas, Winrock maintains an office in Arlington, Virginia; and has corporate offices in Dhaka, Bangladesh; Salvador, Brazil; Beijing, China; Bamako, Mali; Katmandu, Nepal; and Manila, Philippines; and an affiliate in New Delhi, India. Its staff of more than 700 operates projects in an average of 65 countries each year. Winrock is one of the few international development organizations that has a US Program unit and domestic projects.

Publications: *Innovations*, E-newsletter; Global Projects & Financial Statement; Capabilities Brochure with interactive CD ROM.
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) PROGRAM AREAS

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Agricultural Diversification
For economic, environmental, and personal reasons, many Minnesota growers are seeking new farm enterprise options. The Minnesota Grown Opportunities (MGO) project provides one-stop access to information about diversification opportunities in Minnesota agriculture. A joint effort of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI), and the University of Minnesota, MGO offers information about more than 200 alternatives in areas like crops, livestock, and marketing. Minnesota growers can also submit diversification questions via the web site: www.mda.state.mn.us/mgo.

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General Biological Control Program
- Indoor Plantscape and Urban Biological Control
  The Indoor Plantscape Biological Control Project (IPBCP) educates the public on the effective use of biological control products and supports efforts to adopt biological control as a method for managing plant pests in greenhouses, conservatories, atriums, and homes. Information created by the IPBCP can be found on its web page at: www.mda.state.mn.us/biocon/plantscape.
- The Biological Control Facility (BCF)
  The BCF functions as a resource for information about biological control offering demonstrations of biological control and educating community groups interested in using living organisms to manage plant pests. For more information on the BCF, visit: www.mda.state.mn.us/biocon/plantscape/biofacility.htm.
- Biological Control Laboratory
  The laboratory houses the MDA’s Insect Reference Collection which currently contains close to 20,000 pinned insect specimens and is maintained by Dr. John Luhman. This laboratory is also essential for beneficial insect/pest colony rearing and laboratory research for the Weed Integrated Pest Management Program and the IPBCP.

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Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program develops and implements statewide strategies to increase use of IPM on private and state managed lands. IPM is a balanced approach to pest management which incorporates the many aspects of plant health care/crop protection in ways that mitigate harmful environmental impacts and protect human health. Some of the IPM program activities include generating IPM information, via newsletters, for growers, producers, and land managers which inform them of relevant issues and can help them make alternative choices in their pest management decisions; developing an IPM in Schools program to educate school districts on IPM and how to implement its use; providing funding for IPM research; and providing IPM information to the general public. Fact sheets, pest identification guides, and other IPM information can be found on the IPM page located at: www.mda.state.mn.us/ipm.

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Organic Agriculture
The MDA recognizes organic as a choice preferred by many farmers and consumers. With input from a 14-member citizen panel, we offer information, education, and assistance in many organic areas including production methods, transition, certification and marketing of crops and livestock. We administer a program that defrays the cost of organic certification and our Dairy and Food Division enforces truth-in-labeling laws. This program serves organic growers, growers converting to organic methods, and consumers, and works with other public, educational, research, and nonprofit groups to coordinate organic activities across the state. More information is available at: www.mda.state.mn.us/espap/organic

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**Plant Pest Survey Program**
The Plant Pest Survey (PPS) provides current information on the abundance and distribution of major pests in Minnesota crops. The PPS also publishes “The Minnesota Pest Report”, a weekly newsletter summarizing trends in pest abundances. Fact sheets, field pest identification guides, weather information, and other links to crop and pest information can be found on the PPS page located at: www.mda.state.mn.us/pestsurvey.

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**Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program**
The Demonstration Grant Program provides funds for farmers, agricultural researchers, educators, and nonprofit groups to explore innovative and creative ways to enhance the sustainability of a wide range of farming systems. Grants of up to $25,000 are awarded on a competitive basis for up to three year demonstration projects. Projects have demonstrated management intensive grazing, diversified cropping systems, soil fertility and manure management, alternative weed management, low-capital beginning farmer strategies, marketing, and specialty crop opportunities. Information on the grant program can be found at: www.mda.state.mn.us/esap/default.htm#demo.

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**Weed Integrated Pest Management Program (WIPM)**
The WIPM Program coordinates biological control efforts for targeted exotic plants such as leafy spurge and spotted knapweed, in addition to conducting various applied research projects (currently one is underway for spotted knapweed), and statewide surveys for nuisance weed pests throughout the state. The WIPM also maintains an online database that features weed information and release data for participating Minnesota counties. Cooperator involvement at the local level has made the WIPM program a statewide success. This program continues to collect, archive, and publish weed data from counties throughout Minnesota on its online database. Information for leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, exotic thistles, and a link to the MN DNR’s purple loosestrife web site can be found on the WIPM’s web page: www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol.

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OTHER RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

Free publications available from Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107; 651-296-7673; fax, 651-297-7678; email, alison.fish@state.mn.us


*Conservation Programs & Options: Information for Minnesota Farmers & Rural Landowners*, 2001, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. A folder full of booklets, brochures, and fact sheets about federal and state conservation programs and conservation practices. Contents provided by other agencies and organizations and packaged by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

*Greenbook*, Minnesota Department of Agriculture/Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management Program. Annual report on farmer on-farm research and demonstration, and program activities. Web site: www.mda.state.mn.us/esap/greenbook.html

*Hogs Your Way: Choosing a Hog Production System in the Upper Midwest*, 2001, Minnesota Department of Agriculture and University of Minnesota.

*IPM in School Fact Sheets*. They include: *IPM Overview; Ants; Cockroaches; Head Lice; Landscape Insects; Nuisance Invaders; Silverfish and Firebrats; Small Flies; Wasps and Bees; Weeds – General; Broadleaf Weeds; Grassy Weeds; Diagnosing Plant Disease; Preventing Plant Disease; Rats and Mice*; and, *Management of Pesticides*. All fact sheets are available in hard copy or on the web at: www.mda.state.mn.us/ipm/ipmpubs.html in pdf format.

*Join Our Pest Patrol – A Backyard Activity Book For Kids – An Adventure in IPM*, for third and fourth grade students and a companion Teacher’s Guide provide fun activities that help students learn about “good bugs,” “bad bugs,” and integrated pest management. Available in hard copy or on the web at: www.mda.state.mn.us/ipm/ipmpubs.html in pdf format.

*Minnesota CRP GIS Database*, 1997, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Statewide spatial database of lands enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program from the beginning of the program to about 1994 (CRP sign-ups 1-12). Includes data on the acreage, conservation practice, rental and other attributes of each field enrolled in CRP during the covered time period. Updates through 1999 exist for five counties.

*Minnesota Fruit and Vegetable IPM Newsletter*. A newsletter produced cooperatively by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and University of Minnesota Extension Service. Information on apple, strawberry, and vegetables pest occurrence, and management strategies published weekly from May through August. Contact Jeanne Ciborowski, 651-297-3217 to get on the email or hard copy mailing list.
Minnesota Pest Report. A newsletter published weekly during the growing season to supply producers with information on field crop pest conditions in their area. Weekly results from insect, disease and weed surveys in corn, soybeans, small grains and alfalfa are reported via maps, graphs and tables. The Pest Report is available on the web at: www.mda.state.mn.us/pestsurvey. Contact Mark Abrahamson, 651-296-6509, mark.abrahamson@state.mn.us to get on the fax or hard copy mailing list.

Minnesota Post-CRP Information Series: Options to Consider When Conservation Reserve Program Contracts End, 1996.

• **Basic Considerations for Leasing Post-CRP Land,** Debra Elias Morse, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. Basic lease concepts and special issues to consider in the case of CRP lands.

• **Controlled Grazing,** Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota. Grazing systems and management techniques to meet livestock nutrition needs.

• **Converting to Organic Production,** Prescott Bergh, formerly of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Considerations in converting CRP to organic grain and organic livestock production, including certification.

• **Energy from Biomass,** Loni Kemp, The Minnesota Project. Biomass energy options in Minnesota, involving alfalfa, hybrid poplar, corn and other crops.

• **Fall 2000 Updates to the Minnesota Post-CRP Information Series.** New resources and updated information for existing resources listed in the end of each fact sheet in the Minnesota Post-CRP Information Series.

• **Harvesting Hay and Silage,** Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota. Recommended hay- and silage-making practices and harvest strategies based on stages of plant development.

• **Harvesting the Wind,** Loni Kemp, The Minnesota Project. Wind development options in Minnesota, including owning a wind turbine and selling wind rights.

• **Maintaining Conservation Benefits on Leased Land,** Debra Elias Morse, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. Conservation plans, land use provisions and other tools to help maintain the environmental benefits of CRP when leasing.

• **Persistence of Planted Forages,** Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota. What to expect when evaluating CRP land for future uses in terms of plant composition (grasses, legumes, weeds and bare ground) and soil fertility, based on a survey of Minnesota CRP fields.

• **Recreational Leases,** Debra Elias Morse, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. What to consider in planning to lease CRP for hunting or other recreational activities.

• **Renovating for Forage Production,** Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota. Field preparation, incorporation of legumes and other critical considerations for renovating CRP land for forage.

• **Selecting a Lease Type,** Debra Elias Morse, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. Six common lease types and questions to consider when selecting them.

• **Weeds and Pocket Gophers,** Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota. Types of weeds and degree of gopher mounding typical in Minnesota CRP fields, and tips on controlling these problems.

**Status of Organic Agriculture in Minnesota,** 2003, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Legislative report outlining the history and status of organic production and marketing in Minnesota.
OTHER RESOURCES

Thicket! A multi-agency Weed IPM Working Group co-chaired by the MDA and the MN DNR developed the “Thicket!”, a newsletter for integrated weed management in Minnesota. It is published twice yearly in the late fall and early spring. “Thicket!” is available at the MDA’s web site: www.mda.state.mn.us/ipm/thicket.

Whole Farm Planning, 1997, Minnesota Working Group on Whole Farm Planning.

VIDEOTAPE LIBRARY

Videos available by loan from Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management Program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture: 90 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107; (651) 296-7673; fax, (651) 297-7678; email, linda.bougie@state.mn.us

A Farmer-to-Farmer-Video Series - Cover Crops, Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota, 18 min.

A Farmer-to-Farmer-Video Series - The Rotary Hoe, Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota, 17 min.

Alive and Well: Sustainable Soil Management, University of California Visual Media - Davis, 35 min.


Anoka Sand Plain Water Quality Demonstration Project, ASCS/EXT/SCS, 20 min.


Christians for the Earth, 1) Wendell Berry, Christianity & Ecology, 12 min.; and 2) Wes Jackson, Facing Our Economic Problems, 6 min.

Close to the Ground, Land Stewardship Project, 1998, 24 min.

Composting Livestock Waste, Illinois State University, Agriculture Development, 1999, 14 min.

Covering New Ground: Wisconsin’s Sustainable Agriculture, 58 min.

Creations Caretakers, 58 min.

Deepening Dilemmas on the Duschee, 30 min.

Dilemmas on the Duschee, Center for Urban & Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota.

Environmental Agriculture Education Program, Minnesota Extension Service, University of Minnesota, 8 min.

The Environmental Farm Plan - Your Blueprint for the Future, The Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition, 12 min.

Farmer-to-Farmer-Video Series - Controlled Grazing, Land Stewardship Project, 18 min.

Farmer-to-Farmer-Video Series - Nitrogen Management, Land Stewardship Project, 12 min.

Farming in Harmony with the River, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Fiber Workshops I, II, III, IV, and V, Patty Dease.

Free-Range Poultry Production and Marketing, Resilience, Inc.

Future Harvest: An Interview with Jim Bender, University of Nebraska, 2 hrs.

Houses in the Fields, Land Stewardship Project, 1993, 23 min.
“How To” Conservation on Your Own, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

IPM, A Conversation with Growers, Penn State College of Agriculture, 16 min.

IPM Videos for School: A set of five videos called The ABC’s of Integrated Pest Management for Schools produced by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is available. The videos include: 1. An Introduction to School IPM - Defines the concept of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). 2. Structural Pest Control - Demonstrates the “how-to’s” of applying IPM to the most common pest problems found in non-food handling areas of school facilities. 3. Food Handling Areas - Focuses on controlling pest problems in food handling areas. 4. Bids and Contracts - Outlines the steps in developing a bidding process for commercial IPM providers to school systems. 5. The Administrative Challenge - Explains from an administrator’s perspective the importance of having a clear IPM policy and the importance of cooperation and communication in a school IPM plan.


Leaf Composting (Edited) Poultry and Straw, Sludge and Kiln Dust, Various Leaf Composting Sites and Trommel Screen.


Mapping Your Way to a Sustainable Future, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 37 min.


No-till Video, CF-344, University of Minnesota, 30 min.

Organic Adventures, Produced by Organic Alliance, 10 min.

The Pennsylvania IPM Program Presents-IPM in Schools, 12 min.

The Pennsylvania IPM Program Presents-Why IPM? 12 min.

The Perfect Tomato, USDA Photo Division, 8 min.

Picture the Future, The Illinois Department of Agriculture, Sustainable Agriculture Program.

Pigs, Pork & Prosperity—Pt. 1, 2, & 3, Appleton Public TV, Jim VanDerPol, Winter 1999.

Plowing Up a Storm, 1 hr., 29 min.

Presentation on Production & Marketing of Pastured Poultry, NE SFA Mtg., Joel Saladin, February 10 in Cloquet.

Profit with Manure, Minnesota Extension Service, University of Minnesota, 12 min.

Seasonal Dairying, The American Lyceum, Inc., 45 min.
**Ship Corn Not N**, Champaign County SWCD, Illinois Department of Agriculture, NRCS, and the University of Illinois Extension Service.

**Slow Food: Sustainable Agriculture and Responsible Eating**, Linda Gammell, Michal McCall and Sandra Menefee Taylor, 1997, 30 min.

**Soberg, Renne**, 1998.

**Students Speak Out for Ag Education**, University of Minnesota Waseca, 9 min.

**Sustainability: The Quiet Revolution**, University of Minnesota Extension Service, 51 min.

**Sustainable Agriculture Decision Case Video Study: Perkins Farm**, University of Minnesota Extension Service, 13 min.

**Sustainable Agriculture Decision Case Video Study: Van Der Pol Farm**, University of Minnesota Extension Service, 6 min.

**Sustaining America’s Agriculture (High-tech and horse sense)**, Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota, 29 min.

**Vegetable Farmers and Their Weed-control Machines**, University of Vermont and University of Massachusetts Extension Services, 1 hr., 15 min.

**Van Der Pol.**

**Walking the Journey... Sustainable Agriculture that Works**, 22 min.

**Wetlands-Natural Resource Wonders**, Illinois Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency.

**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**NOTE:** Publications and web sites for many organizations are listed with the organization description and contact information in earlier sections of this directory. They are not repeated here.

**BOOKS**


The Farmer’s Guide to the Internet, 1998, TVA Rural Studies and University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.


The Gift of Good Land, Wendell Berry, 1981, North Point Press, San Francisco, CA. There are many excellent Wendell Berry books that staff members recommend reading.

Global Dust Bowl, C. Dean Freudenberger, 1990, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN.


The Legal Guide to Direct Farm Marketing, 1999, Neil D. Hamilton, Drake University Agricultural Law Center, Des Moines, IA.


SMP’s for the 90’s, Carmen Fernholz, 1992, A Frame Press, Madison, MN.


Toward a More Sustainable Agriculture, Raymond P. Poincelot, 1986, AVI Publishing Co, Inc., Westport, CT.

PERIODICALS

Acres USA, newspaper, published monthly by Acres USA, 10008 East 60th St. Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64133, 816-737-3346.

Farming Alternatives, newsletter, published quarterly by the Farming Alternatives Program, Department of Rural Sociology, Cornell University, Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853, 607-255-9832.

www.cals.cornell.edu/agsfoodcommunity/afs_lcfm

Graze, newspaper, published monthly, Joel McNair, PO Box 48, Belleville, WI 53508, 608-455-3311.

jrmcnair@chorus.net
The Stockman Grass Farmer, newspaper, published monthly by the Mississippi Valley Publishing Corp., 5135 Galaxie Drive, Suite 300C, Jackson, MS 39206, 601-981-4805.

INTERNET

E-answers, a search engine at the University of Florida to aid faculty, staff, and the public to search across a number of state extension service home pages. For example, you might type in “apple scab” and all fact sheets and bulletins dealing with that topic from any land grant schools participating will pop up on your computer screen. Those participating are Ohio State, Kansas State, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Penn State, Rutgers, Texas A & M, University of Florida, University of Maryland, University of Nebraska, and West Virginia University.  www.e-answersonline.org

Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit environmental research organization based in Washington, DC. www.ewg.org

Farmer’s Market Online, where shoppers can meet, correspond, and purchase products direct from producers. www.farmersmarketonline.com

Iowa State University:  www.iastate.edu
Entomology:  www.ent.iastate.edu
Undergraduate education in sustainable agriculture:  www.agron.iastate.edu

Minnesota State Government:  www.state.mn.us

Missouri Alternatives Center (MAC), University of Missouri Extension Service, contains a new links page. http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac

Ohio State University Extension/Cyber-farm, provided by the Ohio State University Extension Information Office for Small, Part-time and Sustainable Agriculture.  www.ag ohio-state.edu/~farm

The Small Farm Resource:  www.farminfo.org

Sustainable Agriculture Archives:  sunsite.unc.edu/london/sustainable_agriculture.html

US Government Sites:
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):  www.epa.gov
  Agricultural Research Service (ARS):  www.ars.usda.gov
  Current Research Information System (CRIS), USDA’s documentation and reporting system for agricultural, food and nutrition, and forestry research.  cris.csrees.usda.gov
  Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Quality:  http://soils.usda.gov/sqi
- US Department of Commerce:  www.doc.gov

University of Minnesota:  www.umn.edu/tc
- Extension Service:  www.extension.umn.edu
  Yard and Garden Line:  www.extension.umn.edu/yardandgarden

This Resource Directory is available on the Department of Agriculture’s web site: www.mda.state.mn.us/esap/esapdirectory.pdf