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Sources of Information — Organic or Sustainable Vegetable Production

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Mr. Sam Welsch, Executive Director
Nebraska Sustainable Ag. Society
P.O. Box 736
Hartington, NE 68739
402-254-2289

Organic Crop Improvement Association of Nebraska
Rt 1 Box 163
Marquette, NE 68854
402-854-3166 or 308-382-2707

“Organic Farming Directory”
Published by: Small Farm Center
University of California
Davis, CA
916-757-8910

ORGANIC METHODS
VCR (VHS format) Tapes
Jack Kittredge
NOFA Video Project
RFD 2
Barre, MA 01005
508-355-2853.

Healthy Harvest
Third edition
Potomac Valley Press
Suite 105
1424 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Sponsors workshops and field days to introduce and demonstrate sustainable agriculture production practices. The society has chapters throughout the state and maintains a library of VCR tapes on sustainable production. Membership \$10/year.

Appropriate for producers and processors of both agronomic and alternative certified organic produce crops. Production and handling standards for certification of organic produce are set up by the organization to assure an audit trail and document compliance. The association works closely with the Nebraska Sustainable Ag Society in conducting workshops and field days.

Asoup-to-nuts, 24 page presentation discussing terms, the California organic food law, organizations, suppliers, consultants, classes and periodicals. It is reported to be a “must” reference for the novice, as well as experienced, organic grower.

A library of 25 video tapes on general organic methods and specific crop production. Most tapes are 90 minutes and cost \$15 each. Write for free catalog.

A directory of sustainable agriculture and horticultural organizations. The directory includes listings of organizations, a subject index and a geographical index. This is a very useful resource book with numerous references. The cost of the directory is approximately \$20.

ATTRA (Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas)

Jim Lukens, Program Manager
P. O. Box 3657
Fayetteville, AR 72702
1-800-346-9140

“Suppliers of Beneficial Organisms in North America”

available through the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Biological Control Services Program, 3288 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832 (c/o Larry Bezark 916-427-4590)

Great Lakes IPM — Catalog of Insect Monitoring Systems

10220 Church Road NE
Vestaburg, MI 48891

NEW FARM: THE MAGAZINE OF REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Rodale Press
222 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18098
215-967-5171

**AMERICAN VEGETABLE GROWER,
AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER,
and/or GREENHOUSE GROWER**

Meister Publishing Co.
37733 Euclid Avenue
Willoughby, OH 44094
\$14.00/yr (each)

KNOTT’S HANDBOOK FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS, 3rd edition

O. A. Lorenz & D. N. Maynard
John Wiley & Sons, Publishers
Dept 063
One Wiley Drive
Somerset, NJ 08875-9977
\$27.95

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FOR COLE CROPS AND LETTUCE

Univ. of Calif. Publication 3307
1985 112 pages \$22.00

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FOR TOMATOES

Univ. of Calif. Publication 3274
1985 Third edition 104 pp. \$22.00

A non-profit corporation funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. ATTRA specializes in technical information for farmers interested in processes which will conserve and more effectively utilize resources. The corporation also provides sustainable economic development with emphasis on assistance to low-income people. Information packets, containing a summary of sustainable production techniques, trade and grower organizations and marketing potentials, copies from a variety of publications, trade journals, newsletters and books are available. Organic culture of blackberries and raspberries, organic blueberry production, low-spray apple production, green manures/covercrops, IPM, agricultural alternatives and techniques for market gardeners to extend the harvest season.

Compilation of 60 beneficial organism-supply companies from 17 states and Canada with California, Texas, and Illinois companies dominating the market. Some organisms may require a permit to import. Contact: Dr. Steve Johnson, State Entomologist, Nebraska Department of Agriculture 402-471-2394.

General information on organic and low-input production. Excellent resource for new growers. Rodale Press has many other publications on specific aspects of production - both cultural practices and crops. Call or write for a detailed list and prices. A one year, seven issue subscription costs \$15.

Monthly magazine with articles on applied production and wholesale and direct marketing. Some greenhouse production information; advertising/sources for equipment and supplies for the commercial grower. Feature articles and editorials on the state of the industry are also included.

A true handbook and reference. General guidelines for production and plant characteristics of all vegetable crops. If you can't find it anywhere else, try Knott's Handbook. Diseases, insects, pesticides, fertilizers, harvesting, handling and storage, seeding rates, cold and heat susceptibility, plant nutrition and food value are covered.

University of California produces these comprehensive production guides. Although biased toward California conditions, much is appropriate for more general application. Excellent color photos.

Publications
Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources,
Univ. of California
6701 San Pablo Avenue
Oakland, CA 94608-1239
call for price: 415-642-2431 (estimate \$20-30)

ALTERNATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS INFORMATION CENTER

National Agricultural Library
Room 304
10301 Baltimore Blvd.
Beltsville, MD 20705

National Organic Wholesalers

Directory of Food & Farm Supplies
California Action Network
P. O. Box 464
Davis, CA 95617
916-756-8518
1-800-852-3832

ORGANIC GARDENING IN THE BACKYARD

D. T. Lindgren, D. H. Steinegger,
F. P. Baxendale, and J. E. Watkins
Nebguide G81-548
Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service
Agricultural Communications
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68583

Natural Organic Farmers Association

RFD #2
Barre, Massachusetts 01005
508-355-2853

The New Organic Grower

Eliot Coleman
(paperback)
Chelsea Green Publications
P.O. Box 130, Rt. 113
Post Mills, VT 05058
1989, \$19.95

Four Winds Farm Supply

N8806
600th Street
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-7037

PESTICIDES AND SAFETY OF FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Publication CC1990-1
CAST
137 Lynn Avenue
Ames, IA 50010-7197
515-292-2125

Quick bibliographies on many subjects such as "Alternative Crops" (QB90-25), available free of charge.

A yearly, updated directory which includes names and addresses of organic certification groups, buyers of organic products and sources of organic farm supplies. It has cross-references about the location of buyers and sellers of over 800 organic commodities as well as information about importers, exporters, manufacturers, mail order companies, etc. Includes summaries of federal and state laws governing organic food and information about organic certification groups in the U. S. \$34.95.

Available through Nebraska Cooperative Extension. A good review of basic organic production methods including insect and disease control. Stresses the importance of management in organic production.

A group of farmers and supporters of organic farming, based in the northeastern US. Conducts annual summer conference of workshops and demonstrations, videotapes of which are available. Contact NOFA for more information.

Recommended by a Minnesota grower as "hot new book for vegetable growers". Emphasis is on mechanized vegetable production using sustainable practices.

Suppliers of pest monitoring and trapping systems, organic fertilizers, biological and "least toxic controls".

A 15 page report from The Council for Agricultural Science & Technology. Addresses risks to consumers of pesticide use in fruit and vegetable production and programs to lessen the dependency of producers on pesticides. \$4.

**FARMER TO FARMER: PRODUCERS & PRACTICES
OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE
SOUTHERN ROCKIES**

Sustainable Mountain Agricultural Alliance (SMALL)
303-728-4981

MICROBIAL INSECTICIDES, Extension Circular
#1295

fee: \$1.00

**BOTANICAL INSECTICIDES AND INSECTICIDAL
SOAPS**, Extension Circular #1296 fee: \$2.00

INSECT ATTRACTANTS AND TRAPS, Extension Circular
#1297 fee: \$2.00

BENEFICIAL INSECTS AND MITES, Extension Circular
#1298 fee: \$2.00

Dr. Rick Weinsierl et al.

order from: Office of Agricultural Communications

and Education,
University of Illinois
69-T-1 Mumford Hall
1301 Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801
217-333-2007

**HIGH VALUE MARKETING; IPM FOR VEGETABLES
& SMALL FRUITS; VEGETABLES; IPM FOR APPLES
VCR TAPES**

Can be rented through:

UNL Center for Sustainable Agriculture
c/o Pam Murray
402-472-2056

or purchased from:

Rooy Media
7407 Hilltop Drive
Frederick, MD 21702
301-473-8797

VCR Tape: **ORGANIC VEGETABLE PRODUCTION**
Russell Pocock

A directory of practical information ranging from low-input irrigation techniques to innovative marketing ideas. Order by telephoning SMALL.

Part of a new series of Illinois Extension Publications on "Alternatives in Insect Management." Contain a great deal of useful information of alternatives to synthetic insecticides for use in insect management. Relates to all phases of insect management (crop, urban, etc.) and includes basic biological information and specific examples of potential applications. Include lists of commercial suppliers. Checks should be made payable to the University of Illinois.

VCR tapes by the Rodale Institute. Emphasis is on the north-eastern U.S. Generally excellent 30 minute tapes for balanced point-of-view and range of practices from totally organic to combination IPM methods. Extensive use of actual farm interviews. Seeing the farms and the production methods and marketing used is as informative as the actual interviews with growers. Small fruit is limited to strawberries and cranberries. Marketing video is appropriate to all audiences - direct, retail, wholesale and farmers' market. All emphasize a high level of management and the need to develop markets. Checks should be made payable to "Farm Videos" and sent to Rooy Media, 7407 Hilltop Drive, Frederick, MD 21702. (telephone: 301-473-8797) Other tapes in the series include field crops and rotational grazing. Each tape costs \$29.95.

A 3-hour tape of Mr. Pocock's 1990 workshop for the Nebraska Sustainable Ag Society. Discusses how he started and developed a profitable, small farm based on organic vegetable production and marketing. Good ideas for equipment, techniques and labor-saving devices yet, doesn't minimize the amount of management and work involved in organic production. Available through the Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society, P. O. Box 736 Hartington, NE 68739 (402-254-2289). Tape would be of interest to all commercial vegetable growers.

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