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RESOURCES FOR ORGANIC FARMERS

ORGANIC CERTIFIERS

Farm Verified Organic/International Certification Services, Inc

301 5th Street SE
Medina, ND 58467
Phone: 701-486-3578

<http://ics-intl.com/index.php>

Iowa Dept. of Agriculture – Organic Certification Program

Wallace State Office Building
502 E. 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone: 515-281-5321

[http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/
AgDiversification/organicCertification.asp](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/AgDiversification/organicCertification.asp)

Midwest Organic Services Assn. (MOSA)

PO Box 821, 122 West Jefferson Street, Viroqua,
WI 54665
Phone: 608-637-2526

<http://www.mosaorganic.org>

Minnesota Crop Improvement Assn. (MCIA)

1900 Hendon Avenue,
St. Paul MN 55108
Toll free: 800-510-6242

<http://www.mncia.org/>

Organic Crop Improvement Assn. – Minnesota (OCIA MN)

2609 Wheat Drive,
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Office Phone: 218-253-4907

<http://www.mnocia.org>

GRAIN BUYERS

American Health & Nutrition, Inc.

3990 Varsity Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Phone: 734-677-5570

Cashton Farm Supply (Contact: Ernie)

199 Front St.
Cashton, WI 54619
Phone: 608-654-5123

Ceres Organic (Contact: Troy)

North Dakota Mill
1823 Mill Rd.
Grand Forks, ND 58028
Phone: 715-483-5442

Grain Millers (Contact: Andrew)

9531 West 78th St.
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Phone: 952-944-1969

NFO Organics (Contact: Tim Ennis)

PO Box 2508
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 800-306-3913

SunOpta (Contact: LuVerne)

3824 SW 93rd St.
Hope, MN 56046
Phone: 507-451-4724

ORGANIC INFORMATION WEBSITES

- **ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service**
attra.ncat.org
- **Certification Agencies**
www.mosesorganic.org/umord/certification.html
- **How to Go Organic**
<http://www.howtogoorganic.com/index.php>
- **Iowa State University Organic Agriculture website**
extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag
- **Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)**
www.mosesorganic.org
- **Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Organic**
www.mda.state.mn.us/food/organic
- **Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA) - University of Minnesota**
www.misa.umn.edu/home.html
- **Midwest Organic Services Association, Inc. (MOSA)**
www.mosaorganic.org
- **Minnesota Organic Farmers' Information Exchange (MOFIE)**
mofie.cfans.umn.edu
- **Organic Agriculture Information website**
www.organicaginfo.org
- **Organic Brokers, Buyers, Cooperatives and Processors**
www.mosesorganic.org/umord/brokerscoops.htm
- **Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)**
www.ocia.org
- **Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)**
www.omri.org
- **Rodale Institute**
www.rodaleinstitute.org
- **Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota**
www.sfa-mn.org
- **U of MN Southwest Research and Outreach Center (SWROC)**
organicecology.umn.edu
- **USDA Accredited Organic Certifiers Active in Minnesota – 2008**
www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/food/organicgrowing/usdaaccredited.pdf

Organic Information Resources

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Certification – General Information:

Accredited Certifiers Association - <http://www.accreditedcertifiers.org/>

ATTRA: National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service; Organic Certification Resources - <http://www.attra.org/organic.html>

National Association of State Organic Programs - <http://www.nasda.org/nasop/>

Rodale Institute – New Farm: Guide to U.S. Organic Certifiers - http://www.newfarm.org/ocdbt/displayCert_choose.php

Rodale Institute – New Farm: Online Organic Training Course - <http://www.newfarm.org/features/2008/0108/tricourse/bowman.shtml>

Sustainable Agriculture Network: Transitioning to Organic Production - <http://www.sare.org/publications/organic/organic.pdf>

University of Minnesota: Minnesota Guide to Organic Certification - http://www.misa.umn.edu/organic_certification2.html

University of Wisconsin – Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems: Becoming a Certified Organic Producer - http://www.cias.wisc.edu/archives/2007/06/18/becoming_a_certified_organic_producer/index.php

Western SARE: Organic Farming Compliance Handbook - <http://sarep.ucdavis.edu/Organic/complianceguide/>

Certification Agencies:

For a complete and current list of all certification agencies accredited by the USDA National Organic Program, visit - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/CertifyingAgents/Accredited.html>

California Certified Organic Farmers: Organic Certification FAQs - <http://www.ccof.org/cert-faq.php>

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association: Apply for Organic Certification - <http://www.mofga.org/Default.aspx?tabid=548>

Midwest Organic Services Association: 8 Steps to Becoming Certified Organic - <http://www.mosaorganic.org/certification.html>

Montana Department of Agriculture: Organic Certification Information - <http://agr.mt.gov/organic/Info.asp>

Oregon Tilth: Organic Certification Program - <http://www.tilth.org/certification/>

Organic Crop Improvement Association, International: Certification/Verification Programs - <http://www.ocia.org/Associate-Member Services/Certification Programs/index.html>

Pennsylvania Certified Organic: Certification Resource page - <http://www.paorganic.org/certification.htm>

Quality Certification Services: Organic Certification Applications and Forms - <http://www.qcsinfo.org/appforms.html>

Washington State Department of Agriculture: Organic Food Program - <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic/FoodProducers.htm>

Small Farm Resources:

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project - <http://www.asapconnections.org/index.php>

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association: Planning Resources for Growers - <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/growers/Planning.html>

Growing for Market - <http://www.growingformarket.com/>

Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture: Assessing Organic Compliance for Small Farms and Markets - <http://www.kerrcenter.com/publications/Organic-certification-report/Organic-report07.pdf>

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service - Chatham County Center: Organic Certification Guide - <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/SustAg/orgcertguide.html>

The Land Connection - <http://www.thelandconnection.org/>

Virginia Association for Biological Farming - <http://www.vabf.org/>

Sample Forms, Inspector Training:

Independent Organic Inspectors Association: Sample Forms - <http://www.ioia.net/resources.html>

Materials Review:

Organic Materials Review Institute - <http://www.omri.org/>

Biodiversity Assessment:

Wild Farm Alliance: Biodiversity Compliance Assessment Tools - http://www.wildfarmalliance.org/resources/organic_BD.htm

Midwest Resources:

Iowa State University: Organic Program - <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag/>

Land Stewardship Project - <http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/>

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute - <http://www.michaelfieldsagainst.org/>

Michigan State University: Organic Farming Exchange - <http://michiganorganic.msu.edu/>

Michigan State University: Student Organic Farm - <http://www.msuorganicfarm.org/home.php/>

Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service - <http://www.mosesorganic.org>

Minnesota Department of Agriculture: Organic Information - <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/organic/default.htm>

Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture - <http://www.misa.umn.edu/>

Minnesota Organic Farmers' Information Exchange (MOFIE) - <http://organicecology.umn.edu/mofie/>

Minnesota Organic Network - <http://www.sfa-mn.org/organicnet/index.html>

New Agriculture Network - <http://www.new-ag.msu.edu/>

Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society - <http://www.npsas.org/>

Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association - <http://www.oeffa.org/>

Practical Farmers of Iowa - <http://www.practicalfarmers.org/>

Sustainable Farming Association of MN - <http://www.sfa-mn.org/>

University of Illinois: Agro-Ecology and Sustainable Agriculture Program - <http://asap.sustainability.uiuc.edu/>

University of Minnesota: Organic Ecology Program - www.organicecology.umn.edu

University of Minnesota: Student Organic Farm - <http://sof.cfans.umn.edu/>

UW Center for Integrated Ag Systems - <http://www.cias.wisc.edu/>

Upper Midwest Organic Tree Fruit Growers Network -
<http://www.mosesorganic.org/treefruit/intro.htm>

National and International Resources:

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center -
http://afsic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?tax_level=1&info_center=2

ATTRA - Appropriate Technology Transfer to Rural Areas -
<http://www.attra.org/organic.html>

Ecological Farming Association - <http://www.eco-farm.org/>

How To Go Organic - <http://www.howtogoorganic.com/>

International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) - <http://ifoam.org/>

ISU Leopold Center: Scientific Findings About Organic Agriculture -
<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/organic/index.html>

Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance - <http://www.nodpa.com/>

Northeast Organic Farming Association - <http://www.nofa.org/index.php>

Organic Ag Info - <http://ofrf.org/index.html>

Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) - <http://ofrf.org/index.html>

Organic Trade Association - <http://www.ota.com/index.html>

Organic Voices/Resource Express - <http://www.rexp.com/>

Rodale Institute - <http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/>

Seed to Plate - <http://www.seedtoplate.com/>

Soil Association - <http://www.soilassociation.org/web/sa/saweb.nsf?Open>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education - <http://www.sare.org/>

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association - <http://www.tofga.org/>

The Future is Organic - <http://www.thefutureisorganic.net/tenreasons.htm>

The Organic Center - <http://www.organic-center.org/>

United Nations Food and Agriculture Association - <http://www.fao.org/organicag/>

USDA Economic Research Service Organic Reports -
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Organic/>

USDA National Organic Program – www.ams.usda.gov/nop

Washington Tilth Association - <http://www.tilthproducers.org/>

Markets and Marketing:

Organic Farmers Agency for Relationship Marketing (OFARM) - <http://ofarm.org/>

Organic Marketing and Trade Resources -
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/OAP/OAP.shtml>

Organic Monitor - <http://www.organicmonitor.com/>

Organic Valley Cooperative - <http://www.organicvalley.coop/>

USDA-AMS Midwest Organic Price Reports -
http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_gr113.txt

Wholesome Harvest - <http://www.wholesomeharvest.com/servlet/StoreFront>

Policy and Advocacy:

Beyond Pesticides - <http://www.beyondpesticides.org/>

Center for Food Safety - <http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/>

Farmers' Legal Action Group - www.flaginc.org

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy - <http://www.iatp.org/>

Midwest Sustainable Agriculture Working Group - <http://www.msawg.org/>

National Organic Coalition – <http://www.nationalorganiccoalition.org/>

National Cooperative Grocers Association - <http://www.ncga.coop/>

National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture -
http://www.sustainableagriculture.net/site/PageServer?pagename=NCSA_Home

Organic Consumers Association - <http://www.organicconsumers.org/>

Organic Farmers Action Network - <http://ofrf.org/action/action.html>

Provender Alliance - <http://www.provender.org/>

The Cornucopia Institute - <http://www.cornucopia.org/>