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The demand for lower pesticide residues in food and in the environment has led an estimated 90 percent of U.S. citizens to consider including organic foods in their diets. Since 1985, there has been significant growth in the organic food industry, with U.S. sales of organic products reaching $13 billion in 2004, continuing a 20 percent annual growth rate. Certified organic production is governed by a set of rules put in place through the 1990 Organic Foods Production Act. Standards established by the USDA–National Organic Program require a 3-year transition period from conventional to a certified organic designation. Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are avoided in organic production during and after transition.

The USDA-ERS estimated that there were 2.3-million acres in organic production in the United States in 2001. In Iowa alone, reported production for all organic crops increased from 9,000 acres in 1995 to 100,000 in 2000. New incentives to transition land into certified organic production, including cost-sharing and direct payments for conservation practices, such as longer crop rotations, were included in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Organic and transitioning farmers have long relied on informal networks of producers and processors to obtain organic information. In recent years, land-grant universities have allocated faculty and staff time to address organic farmers’ research and educational needs. In 2004, the Iowa State University Organic Agriculture Program (OAP) embarked on developing this National Directory of Organic Agriculture Expertise as a project with the Organic Farming Research Foundation’s Scientific Congress on Organic Agriculture Research (SCOAR).

The mission of SCOAR is to develop and pursue a long-term research and extension agenda for the understanding, improvement, and widespread adoption of organic agriculture (defined as a distinctively ecological approach to management of agricultural systems). Members of SCOAR are from a diverse population of farmers, ranchers, scientists, extensionists, consultants, and others who participate in fulfillment of the mission. More than 300 questionnaires were sent to members of SCOAR and organic agriculture experts identified through the OAP. Respondents identified their expertise, areas of research interest, and specific methods for contacting them. Self-identified experts from 40 states responded to the survey.

Because this directory will be both on-line in the Organic Agriculture Information website at www.organicaginfo.org, and in print, we invite you to update your file or send information on additional expertise to Dr. Kathleen Delate, Iowa State University, Organic Agriculture Program, 106 Horticulture Hall, Ames, Iowa 50011. Thanks also go to Brise Tencer, Jane Sooby, and Mark Lipson (OFRF) for assistance with this directory.
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• Organic vegetables (lettuce)
• Organic fruit (melons)
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• Organic education and training (demonstration, on-farm research)
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• Organic vegetables (cucurbits, peppers, sweet corn)
• Organic fruit (grapes, apples, peaches)
• Additional organic plants (herbs)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cover/smother crops, cultural control, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers)
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- Organic fruit production (apples, peaches, blackberries, blueberries)
- Organic pest management (weed control)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research)

Organic fruit production systems for apples, peaches, and small fruits. Studying organic and sustainable methods of fruit crop regulation, ground cover, and nutrition management.

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- Organic soil management (soil analysis, soil microbiology, soil organic matter, soil quality)
- Organic crop production (hydroponics, cover crops)
- Organic agronomic crops (corn, rice, potatoes, wheat)
- Organic vegetables (artichokes, asparagus, beans, beets, brassicas, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucurbits, eggplant, greens, lentils, peas, peppers, root crops, sweet corn, tomatoes)
- Organic fruit (apples, apricots, avocados, bananas, berries, cherries, citrus, grapes, melons, olives, peaches, pears, pineapple, plums)
- Organic nuts (almonds, hazelnuts, cashews, walnuts)
- Additional organic plants (herbs, mushrooms)
- Organic pest management (allelopathy, biological control, cover/smother crops, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, traps, trap crops, nutrition)
- Natural resources/environment (buffers, windbreaks)
- Organic animal production (composting)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research)
- Organic economics/marketing (farmers markets, market evaluation, value-added)

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- Organic fruit (berries)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, on-farm research)
- Organic economics and marketing (alternative enterprises, budgeting, market evaluation)
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• Organic fruit production (grapes, olives)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, internships)
• Organic economics/marketing (direct marketing)
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• Organic crop production (conservation tillage, deserts, cover crops)
• Organic vegetables
• Additional organic plants (herbs)
• Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smother crops, cultural controls, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control)
• Organic education and training (demonstration, on-farm research)
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• Organic vegetables (artichokes)
• Organic fruit (apples, strawberries)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural controls, disease vectors, genetic resistance, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, traps, trap crops, pest management systems for organic production)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, statewide organic information and outreach program)
• Organic economics/marketing (value added)

My on-farm research and extension program includes performance studies and pest management systems design for organic strawberries, cotton, and apples in California. I am the editor of Organic Apple Production Manual, UC ANR Publication 3403 (2000). I am now co-authoring and editing a similar manual on organic strawberry production. UC-SAREP, the statewide sustainable agriculture program at UC, offers an organic information page at www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/organic/, where state cooperative extension contacts, sources of literature, and compliance information can be accessed.
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- Organic pest management (biological control, mating disruption, organic pesticides, weed control, traps)  
- Organic economics/marketing (direct marketing, farmers markets)  
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- Organic vegetables (all vegetables)  
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- Natural resources and environment (biodiversity)  
- Organic animals (chicken)  
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- Organic vegetables (asparagus, beans, beets, brassicas, carrots, cucurbits, eggplant, greens, lettuce, peas, peppers, root crops, sweet corn, tomatoes)
- Organic fruit (berries, melons)
- Additional organic plants (herbs)
- Organic pest management (biological control, cover/smother crops, cultural controls, disease vectors, genetic resistance, mechanical control, organic pesticides, row covers, trap crops)
- Organic animal production (pastures/grazing)
- Organic animals (swine)
- Organic education and training (demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)
- Organic economics/marketing (cooperatives, CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets, value added)

I have spent my career working with farmers and learning from farmers on issues of sustainable organic practices, systems development, and marketing. Through my experiences as an organic farmer, and Cooperative Extension alternative farming educator, then university research fellow, to now working with an NGO, I have been assisting with the science and practice of sustainable organic farming.

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• Organic crop production (conservation tillage, cover crops)
• Organic vegetables (eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, cucurbits)
• Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural controls, genetic resistance, mechanical control)
• Natural resources/environment (conservation tillage, biodiversity)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks)
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• Organic crop production (cover crops)
• Organic fruit (citrus, persimmon)
• Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smother crops, cultural controls, organic pesticides, weed control)
• Organic animal production (utilizing poultry manure)
• Organic education and training (on-farm research, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, extension meetings)
• Organic economics/marketing (CSA, value added, ecolabels)

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Area of Expertise:
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• Organic crop production (hydroponics)
• Organic vegetables (beans, brassicas, cucurbits, eggplant, greens, lettuce, peas, peppers, root crops, sweet corn, tomatoes)
• Additional organic plants (herbs)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural control, disease vectors, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, trap crops)
• Natural resources/environment (windbreaks)
• Organic education and training (demonstration, on-farm research, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks)
• Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, alternative enterprises, CSA, budgeting, direct marketing, farmers markets, value added)

Commercial vegetable and herb production for organic growers including greenhouses and hydroponics.

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**Area of Expertise:**
- Organic pest management (biological control)
- Natural resources/environment (wildlife, biodiversity, avian community ecology and behavior)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research)

The long-term goal of my research is to integrate the needs of avian populations with sustainable agriculture via identification of cropping systems that best provide suitable habitat and developing enhancement protocols for agroecosystem environments. Additionally, I intend to assess the potential of insectivorous non-game bird species as components of biological control within these systems and am currently conducting studies to do so.

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- Organic crop production (hydroponics, cover crops)
- Organic vegetables
- Organic fruit (citrus)
- Organic pest management (biological control, cultural controls, genetic resistance, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, traps)
- Natural resources/environment (biodiversity, conservation tillage)
- Organic animal production (composting)

• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks)
• Organic economics/marketing (value added, CSA, farmers markets)

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- Organic pest management (biological control, mating disruption, organic pesticides, trap crops, UV reflective soil mulch)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research)

I conduct research programs on organically approved methods for managing insect pests of vegetable crops. These methods include parasite releases for pepper weevil management, trap crops and UV-reflective soil mulches for whitefly and whitefly-vectored plant virus on tomato, mating disruption for managing the tomato pinworm, and biorational pesticides for managing whiteflies on tomato and pepper weevil on pepper.

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We have worked on a few organic and sustainable video productions that may help farmers or gardeners in tropical areas. See list below. We offer copies for purchase, and if anyone’s interested, all they have to do is contact me.

1. CTAHR Reference code: 1992 VS-026
Producer(s): CTAHR/Taro Production Systems in the Pacific LISA project
Video production title: Gather the Leaves, Nourish the Roots – Sustainable Taro Culture for the Pacific
Program description: This program visits nations in the American Pacific to investigate sustainable taro production techniques used by farmers there.
Production date: Spring 1992
Program length: 27:25 min.

2. CTAHR Reference code: 1993 VS-038
Producer(s): Joe DeFrank
Video production title: Organic Weed Control – Weed Control Concepts
Program description: This seminar was presented to a group of farmers on Kaua‘i to relay information about weed control methods with reduced environmental consequences.
Production date: May 1993
Program length: 1 hour, 25 minutes
3. CTAHR Reference code: 1995 VS-51
Producer(s): Randall Hamasaki
Video production title: WSAA 95 – Okimoto/You Farm Tour
Program description: This production features a brief tour of two farms, Dean Okimoto’s Nalo Farms and You Souskaseum’s You Farms. Both farms utilize sustainable agricultural practices to grow various vegetables. It was presented at the World Sustainable Agricultural Association 1995 conference.
Production date: December 1995
Program length: 30 minutes

4. CTAHR Reference code: 1995 VS-52
Producer(s): Lisa Ferentinos/Doug Hamasaki
Video production title: Ho’olaulima for Hawaii’s Sustainable Agriculture
Program description: This video reports on various sustainable agriculture strategies, techniques, and practices utilized by LISA for Hawaii project grantees in their (re)search for answers to develop environmentally responsible agriculture.
Production date: December 1995
Program length: 1 hour, 2 minutes

5. CTAHR Reference code: 1998 VS-089
Producer(s): H.C. “Skip” Bittenbender/ Virginia Smith
Video production title: Organic Coffee Production
Program description: Initially produced by H.C. “Skip” Bittenbender, extension specialist, this project was passed on to Virginia Smith (Kona Cooperative Extension Service extension agent). It covers a range of practices and techniques used in the production of organic coffee through farmer interviews and demonstrations.
Production date: November 1998
Program length: 1 hour

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• Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural control)
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• Organic nuts (hazelnuts)
• Organic pest management (weed control, cultural controls, mechanical control)
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- Organic pest management (allelopathy, biological control, disease vectors, genetic resistance, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, traps, trap crops)
- Natural resources/environment (buffers, conservation tillage, grass waterways, terraces, wildlife, wetlands, windbreaks)
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- Organic education and training (pastures/grazing, composting, feed)
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- Organic fruit (melon)
- Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smother crops, cultural control, weed control)
- Natural resources/environment (biodiversity)
- Organic animal production (pastures, grazing)
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- Organic economics/marketing (alternative enterprises)

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• Organic fruit (apples, cherries)
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- Organic agronomic crops (corn, rye, soybeans, wheat, spelt)  
- Organic vegetables (tomatoes, green/snap beans, summer squash)  
- Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smother crops, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, trap crops, plastic row covers)  
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks)  
Weed control by use of cover crops, designing organic research through organic farmer advisory teams, to continue organic certification of university research land.

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- Organic crop production (cover crops, conservation tillage)
- Organic agronomic crops (corn, soybeans, wheat)
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural controls, mechanical control, weed control)
- Natural resources/environment (biodiversity)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research, demonstration)
Research at the KBS LTER site compares four annual cropping systems in a corn-soybean-wheat rotation; 15 acres are certified organic and in one of the four management systems in the study.

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Area of Expertise:
- Organic fruit (apples, cherries)
- Organic pest management (cultural controls, genetic resistance, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, traps)
- Natural resources/environment
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research)
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Minnesota—

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Area of Expertise:
- Organic animal production (feed)
- Organic animals (chicken)
I am a relatively new faculty member (since Feb. 2001) in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Minnesota. I have a 75% extension/25% teaching position. As part of the extension program, I'm involved in applied research. My area of interest is in organic poultry production, and I have a USDA grant to look at feeding programs for organic broilers and layers.

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Area of Expertise:
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• Organic agronomic crops (barley, canola, rye, soybeans, wheat)  
• Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, mechanical control)  
• Organic education and training (farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)

I have research experience working with organic wheat, oat, soybean variety evaluation, mechanical weed control, cover crops like hairy vetch, chickling vetch, buckwheat, and rye.

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Area of Expertise:
• Organic animal production (feed)  
• Organic animals (swine)  
• Organic education and training (on-farm research)

I have had experience with two on-farm trials comparing organic pork finishing to conventional finishing in terms of diets fed, performance, and economics.

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• Organic animals (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine)  
• Organic education and training (demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks)  
• Organic economics/marketing (alternative enterprises)

I work with farmers who raise hogs using alternative production and marketing systems. Some of them are gradually going organic. I also respond to questions regarding ruminant organic production.

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• Organic economics/marketing (alternative enterprises)  

Information on the organic rule and certification, training for growers and ag professionals, demonstration grants, lists of certifiers operating in the state, organic certification cost share program, conferences.

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• Organic crop production (cover crops, conservation tillage)  
• Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smother crops)  
• Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)

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- Organic crop production (conservation tillage)
- Organic animals (chickens)
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- Organic animal production (composting, feed, pastures/grazing, watering system, livestock health, shade/shelter)
- Organic fish
- Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)

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- Organic crop production (cover crops, conservation tillage, strip cropping)
- Organic agronomic crops (hay, corn, oats, millet, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower, popcorn)
- Organic vegetables (beans, sweet corn)
• Organic fruit (berries)
• Organic pest management (allelopathy, biological control, cover/smother crops, cultural control, genetic resistance, mechanical control, weed control, row covers, traps)
• Natural resources/environment (biodiversity, conservation tillage, grass waterways, terraces)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, mentor, demonstration, farmer-to-farmer networks)
• Organic economics/marketing (alternatives enterprises, CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets)

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• Organic vegetables (lentils, peas)
• Organic pest management (cultural control, mechanical control, weed control)
• Natural resources/environment (biodiversity, conservation tillage)

I study conservation tillage systems and diversified cropping systems in searching for more sustainable practices within the semi-arid Northern Plains Region. Investigations of organic systems are minimal but highly prioritized part of my research program. My main agronomic experience resides with pulse crop production (pea, lentil, chickpea, grass pea).

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• Additional organic plants (culinary weeds)
• Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural controls, mechanical control)
• Organic economics and marketing (direct marketing)

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• Organic crop production (agroforestry, conservation tillage, strip cropping, cover crops, vegetable production)
• Organic vegetables (broccoli, eggplant, peppers, greens, root crops, beans, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, brassicas, cucurbits, peas)
• Additional organic plants (herbs, ornamentals [flowers, shrubs, trees, turf])
• Organic pest management (weed control, cover/smoother crops, row covers, mechanical control)
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• Organic education and training (demonstration, on-farm research)
I have a CSA project on campus in transition to organic. We grew over 140 varieties of vegetables, herbs, and flowers on one acre in 2002. Our website will be up soon with all of our production results, by variety.

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• Organic pest management (allelopathy, cover/smoother crops, weed control, cultural controls)
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• Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration)
• Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, farmers markets, CSA)

New Mexico—

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• Organic economics and marketing (budgeting, CSA)
I have a CSA project on campus in transition to organic. We grew over 140 varieties of vegetables, herbs, and flowers on one acre in 2002. Our website will be up soon with all of our production results, by variety.
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• Organic fruit (apples)
• Organic pest management (organic pesticides, mating disruption)
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Assessment of organically approved pest abatement methods in commercial apple orchards.

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• Organic crop production (cover crops)
• Organic vegetables
• Organic fruit production (apples, melons, berries)

• Organic pest management (trap crops, organic pesticides, biological control, weed control, cover/smother crops, mating disruption, row covers, cultural controls, mechanical control, traps)
• Organic education and training (on-farm research, farmer-to-farmer networks)
• Organic economics/marketing (cooperatives, farmers markets, alternative enterprises, CSA, market evaluation, budgeting, direct marketing)

My work mission is to help organic farmers be more successful according to their own goals.

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• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural controls, disease vectors, organic pesticides)
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- Organic pest management (biological control, cover/smother crops)
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- Organic animal production (pastures/grazing, shade/shelter)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks)

I specialize in tropical agroforestry, the management of organic inputs in soils of the tropics and tropical fruit/nut crops.

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- Organic economics/marketing (risk management)

My focus is milk quality improvement and mastitis prevention through milk culturing, risk assessment, and producer consultation and education.

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Research on microbial control of insect pests of assorted crops. Current research is focused on fungi for management of pest on crucifers, potato, and greenhouse crops.

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- Organic animal production (composting, vermicomposting)
- Organic education training (demonstration, on-farm internships)
- Organic economics/marketing (CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets)
Small scale, intensive, high-value production, direct marketing, on-farm internships, sustainable food system education, composting, farm “organism.”

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Area of Expertise:
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- Organic vegetables
- Organic pest management (allelopathy, weed control, cover/smother crops)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, on-farm research)
- Organic economics/marketing (CSA, direct marketing)

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- Organic vegetables (peppers, tomatoes)
- Additional organic plants (herbs, native medicinal herbs)
- Organic pest management (cultural controls, mechanical control)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research, demonstration, replicated studies on university research stations, agent and grower training, conferences)
- Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, alternative enterprises)

I am dedicated to increasing the sustainability of agriculture through new crop development and organic agriculture with emphasis on medicinal herbs and organic vegetables.

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- Organic agronomic crops (medicinal)
- Additional organic plants (herbs, native plants, ornamentals, medicinal trees)
- Organic pest management (fungicides)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research, lectures with slide presentations)
- Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, alternative enterprises)

Farm doesn’t always mean open fields. Eagle Feather features plants that thrive in the filtered light of the Southern Appalachian forest. Including ginseng, goldenseal, and other native medicinal herbs, plus Chinese herbs. This is the home of North Carolina Ginseng and Goldenseal Company, which offers training and supplies for growing woodland herbs. There is an herb processing center on site. Learn about plant rescues that save native plants in the path of development. Look for the display gardens and composting area. The Southern Appalachian School for Growing Medicinal Plants is now located at the farm and has classes from April to October with 11 expert teachers.

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- Organic soil management (nutrient mineralization)
- Organic crop production (conservation tillage, cover crops)
- Organic agronomic crops (tobacco)
- Organic vegetables (beans, broccoli, cucurbits, peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes)
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops)
- Natural resources and environment (conservation tillage)
- Organic education and training (on-farm research, long-term research plots)

I have long-term (9th year) organic plots that are plowed or under conservation tillage.
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Area of Expertise:
• Organic fruit (strawberries)
• Organic vegetables (peppers, tomatoes)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural controls, genetic resistance, organic pesticides)
• Organic education and training (on-farm researcher, agent training)
I specialize in disease management in small fruit (strawberry) and vegetable (tomatoes and peppers especially) production systems. I have done considerable work in evaluating compost-based systems and microbial ecology. Work in farm management systems. Have conducted considerable training for agents, farmers, and other professionals in organic or on-farm research.

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• Organic vegetables (peppers, tomatoes)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural control, organic pesticides)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research)
My laboratory has conducted and published much research on alternative methods of plant disease control including soil solarization, biological control, cover crops, and organic fertility amendments. We have a Southern SARE grant and are studying soil physical and soil biological communities on conventional, sustainable, and organic farms using culture dependent methods (dilution plating) and culture independent methods (DNA profiling and community level physiological profiling). We are also interested in soil suppressiveness and determining whether physical or biological parameters are more important in suppression of plant diseases caused by soil-borne fungi.

North Dakota—

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- Organic pest management (biological control, cultural control, disease vectors, genetic resistance, mechanical control, organic pesticides, row covers, traps, trap crops)

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- Organic vegetables (asparagus, beans, beets, brassicas, carrots, greens, lettuce, peas, peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes)
- Organic fruit (apples, berries, grapes)
- Maple syrup
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, mechanical control)
- Wetland management
- Organic animal production (pastures/grazing)
- Organic animals (beef)
- Organic education and training (farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)
- Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, cooperatives, CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets)

I specialize in entertainment farming and focus on educating consumers to the value of locally grown organic food. I have grown hard and soft wheat for sale as bread flour directly to consumers. I also grow and sell vegetables, feed corn, food grade soybeans, and hay.

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- Organic soil management (soil quality)
- Organic crop production (variety selection, cultural management)
- Organic vegetables (beets, brassicas, eggplant, greens, lettuce, tomatoes, potato, six other commodities)

I specialize in the linkages between how a crop is produced and its quality as a buyer would rate it, including using appearance, sensory properties (i.e., eating quality), and potential nutritional or health value as criteria. I also work to develop strategies that improve the efficiency and sustainability of integrated organic vegetable production systems.

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• Organic crop production (cover crops)
• Organic agronomic crops (potatoes)
• Organic vegetables (cucurbits, eggplant, greens, lettuce, peppers, tomatoes)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cover/smother crops, cultural controls, disease vectors, genetic resistance, mechanical control, organic pesticides, row covers)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, on-farm research, extension programming, Master Gardener education)
I specialize in the development of vegetable crop disease management for organic systems in the context of integrated and sustainable pest management. I also carry out extension (farmer and Master Gardener), undergraduate, and graduate educational programming.

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• Miscellaneous (bees)
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• Organic economics/marketing (cooperatives, value added, direct marketing)
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• Organic pest management (mating disruption, organic pesticides)
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Assessment of organically approved pest abatement methods in commercial apple orchards.

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Area of Expertise:
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• Organic animal production (pastures/grazing)
• Organic crop production (cover crops, conservation tillage)
• Organic agronomic crops (corn, soybeans, pasture/forages)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cover/smother crops, cultural control)
• Natural resource/environment (biodiversity, conservation tillage)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, on-farm research)

Research/extension program in soil entomology and ecology with a focus on soil quality, soil-dwelling insect pathogens, soil arthropod diversity, and soil function as they relate to system sustainability.

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• Organic pest management (allelopathy, disease vectors, organic pesticides, trap crops, biological control, weed control, cover/smother crops, row covers, cultural control, mechanical control, traps)
• Natural resources/environment (afforestation, conservation tillage, biodiversity, grass waterways, wetlands, buffers, terraces, windbreaks)
• Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, cooperatives, farmers markets, value added, alternative enterprises, CSA, market evaluation, budgeting, direct marketing, risk management)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, mentor, on-farm research, educators to form a network)

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• Organic vegetables
• Organic fruit (apples, berries)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural control, cover/smother crops, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers)
• Organic animal production techniques (composting, feed, pastures/grazing, watering system, livestock health, shade/shelter)
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• Organic education and training (farmer-to-farmer networks)
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- Organic vegetables (beans, lettuce, greens, tomatoes, onions)  
- Organic fruit (blackberries)  
- Organic pest management (cultural control)  
- Organic education and training (mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks)  
- Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets)

Ellen Polishuk makes CMC in our Loudoun County farm. Both farms (Ellen in Loudoun, Hiu and Hana in Fairfax County) use spaders and bedders. Loudoun farm also uses water wheel for transplanting, brush hoe for cultivating. Fairfax farm grows sweet and storage onions, using leaf mulch to control weeds and improve soil. Both farms mulch with hay and straw extensively—no black plastic. Sell through roadside stand (July–Oct.), CSA (June–Nov.), growers only farmers markets (April–Nov.), conduct school farm tours.

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- Organic crop production (cover crops, conservation tillage, hydroponics)  
- Organic vegetable production (artichokes, asparagus, brassicas, carrots, celery, eggplant, greens, lettuce, peppers, sweet corn, vegetable seed production, and technology)  
- Organic education and training (curriculum, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)

Improving soil microbial activity to improve crop production and organic vegetable production using biostimulants to enhance productivity.
Washington—

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- Organic crop production (cover crops, crop quality, pesticide impacts)  
- Organic fruit (apples)  
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural control, weed control)  
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- Organic economics/marketing (profitability, economic analysis)  

Sustainability of organic, conventional, integrated apple production systems.

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- Organic vegetables (carrots, peas, root crops, sweet corn)  
- Organic fruit (grapes)  
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, weed control)

I specialize in alternative vegetable crops, with a focus on Asian crops such as edamame, pea shoots, baby corn, bamboo and greens. Also niche market dry beans.

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- Organic pest management (weed control)  
- Organic education and training (on-farm research)  
- Organic economics/marketing (statistics)

Farming systems research: Measuring the effects of organic, integrated, and conventional farming systems on soil quality, crop performance, pest incidence, profitability, and environmental impact.

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- Organic vegetables (beans, brassicas)  
- Organic agronomic crops (soybeans, edamame)  
- Organic fruit production (raspberries)  
- Organic pest management (cover/smother crops, cultural control)  
- Organic education and training (demonstration, on-farm research)

I work in several areas related to organic farming, including soil management, use of organic amendments, soil quality, organic tree fruit production, and orchard floor management in organic orchards. I also compile organic farming statistics for Washington State and organic tree fruit statistics nationally and globally.

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- Organic fruit (grapes, apples)  
- Organic agronomic crops (wheat)  
- Organic economics/marketing (budgeting)  

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• Organic agronomic crops (wheat, hay, potatoes, rapseseed, soybeans)
• Organic vegetables (cucurbits, beans, greens, lettuce, peas, peppers, tomatoes)
• Organic fruit (apples)
• Organic pest management (biological control, cultural controls, genetic resistance, mating disruption, mechanical control, organic pesticides, weed control, row covers, traps)
• Natural resources/environment (biodiversity, conservation tillage)
• Organic animal production (composting, pastures/grazing, livestock health)
• Organic animals (chicken, sheep)
• Miscellaneous (bees)
• Organic economics/marketing (value added)

The West Virginia University Organic Research Farm Project is dedicated to providing the most up-to-date scientific information to organic farming problems. The primary emphasis has been on farming systems for transition from conventional to organic practices. We are evaluating both field crop/livestock systems and vegetable market systems in comprehensive, replicated field trials. In addition, trials for more in-depth evaluation of farming system components are underway and include compost rate trials; weed, insect, and disease management practices, variety trials, intercropping trials; and compost tea evaluations.

The project is supported by funding from USDA-SARE and a variety of other grants, as well as in-kind support from the WVU College of Agriculture. Nine faculty from three departments, as well as various graduate students and undergraduate interns, are engaged in research to support the project. Grower outreach in the form of field days, grower participation, and on-farm trials are being developed.

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• Additional organic plants (culinary and medicinal herbs)
• Miscellaneous (bees)
• Organic economics/marketing (value added)

Harriet Behar is an active and experienced organic farm and organic food processing inspector and has visited more than 1,300 organic farms and processing facilities in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Japan. As a board member of OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) and active member of IOIA (Independent Organic Inspectors Association) and OTA (Organic Trade Association) she is involved with the organic community as it continues to grow and mature. Harriet, along with Joyce Ford, wrote the Good Organic Retailing Practices (GORP) Manual, published by OTA in March 2001. She leads IOIA organic inspector courses as well as GORP seminars around the United States. In 2003 and 2004, she will be working in the upper Midwest presenting a series of MOSES (Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education
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- Organic agronomic crops (potatoes)
- Organic vegetables
- Organic fruit (apples, berries, cherries, peaches, pears)
- Organic pest management (biological control, disease vectors, acquired resistance)
- Organic animal production (composting)
- Organic animals (goats)
- Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research, demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, workshops on composting, compost use)

We are starting an organic fruit orchard and goat dairy farm this spring in Champaign, IL. I will be leaving UW–Madison at the end of June, 2004. I will still conduct workshops and training programs on composting, compost use, and organic matter management.

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- Organic vegetables (peppers, asparagus, carrots, greens, root crops, beans, sweet corn, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, brassicas, cucurbits, peas)
- Organic pest management (allelopathy, disease vectors, organic pesticides biological control, weed control, cover/smother crops)
- Organic education and training (demonstration, mentor, farmer-to-farmer networks, on-farm research)

Consulting for organic growers and suppliers in 20 Midwest states. Strengths include knowledge of organic vegetable and crop production, organic insect suppression, and foliar feeding.

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- Organic economics/marketing (alternative enterprises, market evaluation, value added, market research, business development)

I specialize in research, business consulting, and education in value-added agriculture and food systems for people operating traditional organic and small-scale production systems.

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- Organic economics/marketing (alternative enterprises, budgeting, cooperatives, CSA, direct marketing, farmers markets)

I coordinate the Wisconsin School for Beginning Market Growers and conduct research and outreach on CSA, direct marketing, and the economics of fresh market produce farms.
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• Organic education and training (on-farm research)
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Area of Expertise:
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• Organic vegetables (lettuce)
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• Organic pest management (allelopathy, weed control, cover/smother crops, mechanical control)
• Organic education and training (curriculum, on-farm research)

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• Organic vegetables (artichokes, broccoli, carrots, greens, eggplant, lentils, lettuce, peas, peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes)
• Organic fruit (bananas, pineapple)
AWAN is a regional association networking African women in agribusiness. They are exporters for agro/agri products. Certification as organic producers/exporters is paramount.
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- Organic economics/marketing (agritourism, market evaluation)

I specialize in research: environment, landscape conservation, global problems of agricultural trade, organic perspective, agricultural policy, training.
