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MISA Publications and Resources

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MISA is a partnership between the University of Minnesota’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota Extension and the Sustainers’ Coalition, a group of individuals and community-based, non-profit organizations. MISA’s purpose is to bring together the agricultural community and the University community in a cooperative effort to develop and promote sustainable agriculture in Minnesota and beyond.

MISA Listerves
www.misa.umn.edu/ask-misa/discussion-groups

MISA operates several e-mail discussion groups as a service to Minnesota’s sustainable agriculture community. We also include links to some discussion groups administered by our colleagues. Anyone may join these groups, and there are no fees.

Proper discussion group etiquette (“Netiquette”) is expected and will be enforced at the discretion of the group administrator.

Connecting farmers, the university, and the community to promote sustainable agriculture
Publications

Perennial Fruit for northern climates
This book provides production and marketing information, as well as an honest look at the commercial potential of crops such as currants, gooseberries, hackberries, Saskatoons, sour cherries, aronia, chokecherries, and more.

Building a Sustainable Business
This guide addresses the evolving business planning needs of beginning and experienced rural entrepreneurs.

Come and Get It!
The goal of this publication — Come and Get It! — is to help you access and serve food on your farm. It includes a starter toolkit and roadmap for farmers, including: potentials to start such a venture. State specific laws and regulations are available for MN and WI.

Organic Transition
This publication, referred to as The Planner, is a specialized guide to assist farmers, ranchers and food business owners (new or experienced) to transform their small or large-scale enterprise. In exploring transition strategies prior to becoming certified organic.

Making the Transition to Organic
We invite you to read through the transition profiles, glean ideas from these farmers’ experiences, learn from their challenges, and embrace their words of advice. You won’t find a more inspiring group of farmers who have worked hard to go organic.

Farm stay Manual
This manual is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather a first stop for those considering a farm stay in Minnesota. It will also refer you to other publications, organizations, and agencies that can aid in the various aspects of developing a farm stay.

Farm Transitions Toolkit
Planning the transition of your land to the next generation is a daunting but important task. There is little time that is too soon to start farm transition planning.

Marketing Local Food
For farmers considering marketing via alternative to traditional commodity markets, the options may be overwhelming. This handbook is designed to help Minnesota farmers explore the various options for marketing local foods.

Commercial Kitchen Guide
This guide is intended to provide information on policies and regulations for those looking to open or operate in a community commercial kitchen. Community commercial kitchens are different from other community kitchens.

Pack Shed Rules: Harvest Crew Handbook
An employee handbook that offers an introduction to harvest-to-sale handling concepts for produce. The harvest crew manual covers: customer expectations, plant respiration, handling crops, food safety, and sorting, grading, and packing.

Online resources

Harvest to Sale Vegetable Handling
Topics include: Respiration, Harvest, Cleaning & Cooling, Packing Area Infrastructure, Sorting & Grading, Storage, Packing & Packaging, Transport, Display & Point of sale

Local Food Advisory Committee
The intent of this advisory committee is to provide a non-adversarial setting where issues relating to local food can be raised and discussed. Information can be shared and problem-solving between Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, and the local food community can take place.

Local Food Advisory Committee Fact Sheet Series
- Aggregation of Farmers’ Produce
- Produce
- Meat Products
- Poultry Products
- Shell Eggs
- Approved Water Supply for Rural Food Businesses

Changing the approach to regulation of local food systems in Minnesota
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