



Planning for Organic Webinars January 2020 via Zoom

Farmers and growers, are you thinking of going organic? Learn what is involved to go organic and the resources available during three – 1-hour webinar segments with unlimited Q & A.

01/12/2021 Organic Certification 6:30pm – 7:30 pm

Program outline:

- Welcome
- What is Organic Farming?
- National Organic Standards
- Organic Certification Steps
- Q&A

01/19/2021 Transitioning to Organic Production 6:30pm – 7:30 pm

01/26/2021 Economics of Organic Production and Marketing 6:30pm – 7:30 pm

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RESOURCES

Organic

- National Organic Program - www.ams.usda.gov/nop
- MOSES - www.mosesorganic.org
 - MOSA factsheets
<https://mosaorganic.org/education-resources/fact-sheets>
This link will take you to specific focused fact sheets - Certification timing, Organic Input Review information, What to expect at your Inspection, Steps to Certification, etc. It also includes information about the Certification Cost Share Program, and MOSA's past and current Newsletters.
 - MOSA's Transition to Organic page is a brief overview about transitioning your land and/or livestock to organic production.
- ATTRA - <http://www.attra.org/organic.html>
- University of Minnesota: MN Guide to Organic Certification - <http://www.misa.umn.edu/Publications/MNGuidetoOrganicCertification/index.htm>
- Rodale Institute - New Farm: Online Organic Training Course
<http://newfarm.rodaleinstitute.org/features/2008/0108/tricourse/bowman.shtml>
- eOrganic - http://www.extension.org/organic_production
- OMRI – www.omri.org
- Organic Transition Planner: A Business Planner for Farmers, Ranchers and Food Entrepreneurs
<https://www.misa.umn.edu/publications/organictransitionplanner>
- Organic Trade Association, Pathway to Organic, <http://howtogoorganic.com>
- The Organic Farmer's Business Handbook: A Complete Guide to Managing Finances, Crops, and Staff and Making a Profit, Richard Wiswall www.chelseagreen.com/bookstore (Type in Wiswall in search)
- Organic Guides for Fruits, Vegetables, & Dairy, Cornell:
www.nysipm.cornell.edu/organic_guide
- The Organic Farmers Business Handbook -
www.chelseagreen.com/bookstore/item/the_organic_farmers_business_handbook:paperback%20with%20cd-rom
- Organic Farmers: Steps to Success
www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/food/organicgrowing/successtool.ashx
An easy evaluation for assessing your management skills and financial performance. From the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

New Farmer Resources

- Starting a New Farm Enterprise www.docstoc.com/docs/419130/a-guide-to-starting-a-new-farm-enterprise
- New Farm www.al.gov.bc.ca/regional/NewFarm/NewFarm.htm
- Entrepreneurs Guide www.mredc.umd.edu/Documents/Agritourism/EntrepreneursGuide.pdf
- So You want to be a Farmer www.smallfarm.org/uploads/uploads/Files/SoWantFarmr.pdf
- Illinois Direct Farm Business www.directfarmbusiness.org
- Micro Eco-Farming Prospering from Backyard to Small Acreage in Partnership with the Earth
www.localharvest.org/micro-eco-farmng-C22871
- The New Farmers' Market Farm-Fresh Ideas for Producers, Managers & Communities
www.localharvest.org/the-new-farmers-market-C22877
- Perspectives on Fresh Market Vegetable Farming (Scale, Income, Labor and Quality of Life)
<http://douglas.uwex.edu/files/2013/01/Farming-for-Profit-Session-2013-Handout-Version-1.pdf>
- Urban Agriculture Handbook www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/urban-agriculture-toolkit.pdf
- Healthy Land www.uwex.edu/healthyhome/book.html
<http://www.uwex.edu/healthyhome/book.html>
- Small Ranch Manual: A Guide to Green Pastures and Clean Water, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, EB-95-02 www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ag/other/eb9502.pdf