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- ◆ Farm family seeks information on pastured poultry as way to diversify and boost income.
- ◆ Experienced vegetable grower requests plans for solar greenhouses and designing energy-efficient farm buildings.
- ◆ Meat goat producers seek assistance with starting a farmer cooperative.
- ◆ Market gardener seeks help with establishing a community-supported agriculture (CSA) business.
- ◆ Montana alfalfa producer asks for bulk copies of new irrigator's pocket guide.
- ◆ Western cattle rancher wants information on energy-saving solar-powered watering systems.

◆ Grain farmer seeks ways to sustainably control bindweed and thistles.

◆ Small-scale poultry producer wants data on state and federal laws for on-farm processing.

◆ Texas rancher wants to graze goats with cattle for improved brush control.

◆ Farmer requests basic introduction to organics as marketing tool for his small grains.

◆ Municipality wants info on establishing a farmer's market for area growers and consumers.



◆ Northern agribusiness asks for information on establishing a creamery and cheese-making plant.

◆ Landowners seek information that will help to rebuild soils on played-out farmland.

◆ Extension office requests ATTRA's new series of organic documentation forms and workbooks for dissemination to clients.

◆ Farming conference organizer requests bulk copies of ATTRA's horticulture publications for distribution to attendees.

◆ Farm employer wants to add worker positions to ATTRA's internships resource list.

◆ Ranch family wants tips on better way to manage grazing of cattle in riparian area.

◆ Regional farm magazine asks for examples of entertainment farming ventures such as corn mazes.

◆ Organic operator seeks sources for fertilizers and alternative amendments.

◆ Midwest corn producer requests information packets on conservation tillage.

◆ Cut flower grower requests ATTRA info on producing woody ornamentals.

◆ Hog producer looking for information about building hooped shelters.



Give the gift that keeps on giving all year long -- ATTRA publications!

This special Holiday Issue of *ATTRAnews* comes at that time when farmers look back on the past year, consider what they've done, and begin to plan for the spring to come. For many of you, that will mean searching for new and better ways of doing things, taking time to consider new crops and contemplate new enterprises, and catching up on your reading while the winter winds whine outside.

With that in mind, we have assembled the list on the facing page of all the new and updated ATTRA publications for 2003 and designed this special issue as a simple return form that you can use to order them. (We do ask that you limit your write-in requests to no more than six.) Of course, our publications and tailored research services are always free to American farmers and ranchers and those who serve them, and you can request publications through our toll-free service lines, English: 1-800-346-9140, and Spanish: 1-800-411-3222, or our Web site, www.attra.ncat.org. But we wanted to send this as our holiday greeting card to you. And you can also order the publications for someone else, as your gift to them.

Just fill in the form below, refold the newsletter so the return-mail panel is showing, put a tab of tape on the flap – **do not staple** – and a stamp on the mailing panel. Your **FREE** ATTRA publications will be on their way to you within two working days of our receiving your request.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Paul Williams, ATTRAnews Editor

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Please provide complete information:

Name: _____

Organization/Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip code: _____

Tel.: _____ E-mail: _____

About you (circle one or more): farmer/rancher market gardener educator

USDA/CES personnel other _____

Farm size: _____ acres Principal crop/livestock/product: _____



New & updated ATTRA publications for 2003

- ◇ Organic Culture of Bramble Fruits
- ◇ Organic and Low-Spray Peach Production
- ◇ Organic Pear Production
- ◇ Overview of Organic Fruit Production
- ◇ Strawberries: Organic and IPM Options
- ◇ Beekeeping
- ◇ Foliar Fertilization
- ◇ Scheduling Vegetable Plantings for Continuous Harvest
- ◇ Considerations for Organic Herb Production
- ◇ Organic Greenhouse Herb Production
- ◇ Amaranth Production
- ◇ Edible Soybean Production and Marketing
- ◇ Kenaf Production
- ◇ Organic Alfalfa Production
- ◇ Overview of Cover Crops & Green Manures
- ◇ Constructed Wetlands
- ◇ Organic Cotton Production
- ◇ Organic Field Crops Documentation Forms
- ◇ Organic Rice Production
- ◇ Organic Small Grain Production
- ◇ An Organic and Sustainable Practices Workbook and Resource Guide for Cropping Systems Overview of Organic Crop Production
- ◇ Sustainable Dry Bean Production
- ◇ Drought Resistant Soils
- ◇ Manures for Organic Crop Production
- ◇ A Brief Overview of Nutrient Cycling in Pastures
- ◇ Managed Grazing in Riparian Areas
- ◇ Protecting Water Quality on Organic Farms
- ◇ Grasshopper Management
- ◇ Alternative Nematode Control
- ◇ Colorado Potato Beetle: Organic Control Options
- ◇ Cucumber Beetles: Organic and Biorational IPM
- ◇ Deer Control Options
- ◇ Downy Mildew Control in Cucurbits
- ◇ Flea Beetle: Organic Control Options
- ◇ National Organic Program Compliance Checklist for Producers
- ◇ Organic Publications List
- ◇ Organic Soybean Production
- ◇ An Organic and Sustainable Practices Workbook & Resource Guide for Livestock Systems
- ◇ Creating an Organic Production and Handling System Plan: A Guide to Organic Plan Templates
- ◇ Organic Farm Certification & the National Organic Program
- ◇ Organic Orchard, Vineyard, and Berry Crop Documentation Forms
- ◇ Growing Your Range Poultry Business: An Entrepreneur's Toolbox
- ◇ Label Rouge: Pasture-Based Poultry Production in France
- ◇ Range Poultry Housing
- ◇ Small-Scale Poultry Processing
- ◇ Protecting Riparian Areas: Farmland Strategies
- ◇ Conservation Easements
- ◇ Farmers' Markets
- ◇ Grain Processing: Adding Value to Farm Products
- ◇ Sorghum Syrup
- ◇ Anaerobic Digestion of Animal Wastes
- ◇ Efficient Agricultural Buildings: An Overview
- ◇ Solar-Powered Livestock Watering Systems



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