



AG. PROGRAMS

MOSES ORGANIC FACT SHEET

# Educational Opportunities in Sustainable & Organic Ag.

**Organic agriculture** is the fastest growing sector in agriculture with 20% growth in sales per year for over 10 years. This growth is creating many new job and educational opportunities.

University programs that offer organic and sustainable classes and degrees are more readily available than ever before. Below you will find a list of universities that are currently offering degrees and minors in sustainable and organic agriculture in the midwest.

## MINNESOTA

### **University of Minnesota – St. Paul**

St. Paul, MN

p. 612-625-2738, f. 612-625-1268

e-mail: tchi0003@umn.edu

Web: [http://www.misa.umn.edu/Student\\_Programs.html](http://www.misa.umn.edu/Student_Programs.html)

Offers a minor in Sustainable Agriculture Systems available to undergraduates in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences and to graduate students in any of their degree program. Students interact with university faculty; with farmers practicing sustainable methods; and with organizations and agencies whose focus is sustainability in agriculture. Internship required.

## WISCONSIN

### **College of Menominee Nation**

Keshena, WI

p. 715-799-5600, ext. 3257, f. 715-799-5951

e-mail: mcook@menominee.edu

Web: <http://www.menominee.edu/>

Provides the student with a broad-based understanding of renewable resources. This two year degree allows students to earn a bachelor's degree by completing the required courses at this college and finishing the junior and senior level classes at a four-year college or university.

### **Northland College**

Ashland, WI

p. 715-682-1492, f. 715-682-1819

e-mail: chintz@northland.edu Web: [www.northland.edu](http://www.northland.edu)

Offers courses in Sustainable Agriculture and supports arranged majors. Also offers work-study positions running the campus garden which grows food for campus events and student activities. Starting in 2009, Northland will also include an integrated liberal education block of ten courses focused on Sustainable Agriculture.

### **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

Agroecology Program, College of Ag. and Life Sciences

Madison, WI

p. 608-890-1456

e-mail: agroecology@cals.wisc.edu

Web: <http://www.agroecology.wisc.edu/>

Offering an MS in Agroecology (multidisciplinary) Core courses: Farm as Socio-Environmental Endeavor, Multifunctionality of Agriculture, Agroecology Field Study, Seminar in Agroecology. This program aims to train analysts and researchers in a broadened vision of the possibilities of agriculture.

### **University of Wisconsin - River Falls**

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

River Falls, WI

p. 715-425-3345, f. 715-425-3785

e-mail: pes@uwrf.edu

Web: [http://www.uwrf.edu/pes/crop-soil/\\_ag.htm](http://www.uwrf.edu/pes/crop-soil/_ag.htm)

Offers an M.S. degree in Crop and Soil Science with an option in Sustainable Agriculture. Classes will provide skills needed to succeed in the rapidly growing area of sustainable agriculture. Courses include Organic Food Production Systems; Integrated Pest Management; Agricultural Ecology; Environmental Sustainability; Sustainable Agriculture; and Alternative Energy Systems.

## ILLINOIS

### **University of Illinois - Urbana**

College of Ag., Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Urbana, IL

p. 217-333-1588, f. 217- 244-3219

e-mail: asap@uiuc.edu

Web: <http://asap.sustainability.uiuc.edu/>

Provides undergraduate and graduate courses in agroecology and sustainable systems; research projects, special events, newsletter, and other publications.

## IOWA

### **Dordt College**

Department of Agriculture

Sioux Center, IA

p. 800-343-6738, f. 712-722-6336

e-mail form: <http://www.dordt.edu/contact.shtml>

Web: <http://www.dordt.edu/campus/asc/>

Provides courses on Agroecology; course on Field Crop Production and Management includes the study of sustainable cropping systems and methods. Hands-on experience at the Agriculture Stewardship Center.

### **Iowa State University**

Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture  
Ames, IA  
p. 515-294-6518 f. 515-294-8146  
e-mail: [gpsa@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsa@iastate.edu)

Web: <http://www.sust.ag.iastate.edu/gpsa/>  
Offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sustainable agriculture. Interdepartmental degree in partnership with the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. The Department of Agronomy, Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences also offers an undergraduate Agronomy major with an Agroecology option.

### **Western Iowa Tech Community College**

Sioux City, IA  
712-274-6400, ext.1209  
e-mail: [dollisa@witcc.edu](mailto:dollisa@witcc.edu)

Web: <http://www.witcc.com/programs/details.cfm?id=239>  
Offers an Organic Agriculture diploma. Covers principles of organic farming and practical applications; transitioning to organic farming; organic crop production; organic animal husbandry; product certification; marketing; pest management strategies; sustainable agriculture; and more.

### **Sustainable Agricultural opportunities outside of the Upper Midwest:**

Sustainable Ag. Major, **Sterling College, Vermont**,  
[www.sterlingcollege.edu/MR.sustainableleaf.html](http://www.sterlingcollege.edu/MR.sustainableleaf.html)

Sustainable Agriculture Program,  
**Central Carolina Community College**,  
[www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/sustainableagriculture](http://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/sustainableagriculture)

Entrepreneurial and Diversified Agriculture Program,  
**Marshalltown Community College, Iowa**,  
[www.iavalley.edu/mcc/about/programs-degrees/EntrepreneurialandDiversifiedAg.html](http://www.iavalley.edu/mcc/about/programs-degrees/EntrepreneurialandDiversifiedAg.html)

Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems,  
**University of California at Santa Cruz**,  
[casfs.ucsc.edu/](http://casfs.ucsc.edu/)

Interdisciplinary Studies Program in Organic Agriculture,  
**Colorado State University**, [organic.colostate.edu/](http://organic.colostate.edu/)

Ecological Agriculture Major, **University of Vermont**,  
[www.uvm.edu/cals/?Page=closerlook/ecoag.html](http://www.uvm.edu/cals/?Page=closerlook/ecoag.html)

Organic Agriculture Degree, **University of Florida**,  
[news.ufl.edu/2006/08/31/organic-ag](http://news.ufl.edu/2006/08/31/organic-ag)

**California State University**, Chico Organic Dairy,  
[www.csuchico.edu/agr/farm/dairy](http://www.csuchico.edu/agr/farm/dairy)

Organic Dairy, **University of New Hampshire**,  
[www.organicdairy.unh.edu](http://www.organicdairy.unh.edu)

### **Other Training Programs**

**Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture**  
St. Paul, MN

p. 800-909-MISA(6472), f. 612-625-1268  
e-mail: [misamail@umn.edu](mailto:misamail@umn.edu) Web: [www.misa.umn.edu](http://www.misa.umn.edu)  
Sustainable ag. info exchange, seminar series, student organic farm, alternative livestock program, and Green Lands Blue Waters program.

**University of Minnesota**  
**Organic Ecology Research & Outreach Program**

Lamberton, MN  
p. 507-752-7372 Web: [www.organicecology.umn.edu](http://www.organicecology.umn.edu)

### **Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS)**

Madison, WI 53706  
p. 608-262-5200, f. 608-265-3020  
Web: <http://www.cias.wisc.edu/>

CIAS coordinates two schools for beginning farmers, organizes training events for ag. professionals, helps develop sustainable ag. curriculum materials for high school students, and supports an organic garden on campus.

### **School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers** Farm and Industry Short Course

Madison, WI  
p. 608-262-5200, f. 608-265-3020 e-mail: [rlcates@wisc.edu](mailto:rlcates@wisc.edu)  
Web: <http://www.cias.wisc.edu/dairysch.html>

One or two-year certificate with specialty in Grass-based Dairying. Grass-based Dairying Seminar. Farm and Industry Short Course.

### **Minnesota Farm Beginnings**

Land Stewardship Project  
[www.landstewardshipproject.org/fb/whatisfb.html](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/fb/whatisfb.html)

### **Lake Superior Farm Beginnings**

Lake Superior Sustainable Farming Association  
[www.lakesuperiorfarming.org/ProjectsAndServices.aspx](http://www.lakesuperiorfarming.org/ProjectsAndServices.aspx)

### **Stateline Farm Beginnings**

Angelic Organics Learning Center  
[www.csalearningcenter.org/what/training/stateline](http://www.csalearningcenter.org/what/training/stateline)

### **Central Illinois Farm Beginnings**

[central.illinoisfarmbeginnings.org](http://central.illinoisfarmbeginnings.org)

### **Cultivating Success**

Sustainable Small Farm Educations, [cultivatingsuccess.org](http://cultivatingsuccess.org)

### **Growing Places, Women's Agricultural Network**

[www.uvm.edu/wagn/growingp.html](http://www.uvm.edu/wagn/growingp.html)

### **People Learning Agriculture Now for Tomorrow!**

**(PLANT)**, Orange County & NC State University  
[www.orangecountyfarms.org/PLANTatBreeze.asp](http://www.orangecountyfarms.org/PLANTatBreeze.asp)

**Organic Farming 101**, Foundation for Agricultural and Rural Resources Management and Sustainability  
[www.farrms.org/farming101.html](http://www.farrms.org/farming101.html)

### **Upstate School of Sustainable Agriculture**

[www.scsustainableag.org](http://www.scsustainableag.org)

### **Center for Sustaining Agriculture & Natural Resources**

Washington State University, [csanr.wsu.edu](http://csanr.wsu.edu)

### **For more information visit:**

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/edtr/EDTR2008.shtml>

<http://www.attra.ncat.org/education.html>

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