



AG. PROGRAMS

MOSES ORGANIC FACT SHEET

# Educational Opportunities in Sustainable & Organic Ag.

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

University and college programs that offer organic and sustainable classes and degrees are more readily available than ever before. Below you will find a partial list of universities and colleges 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: tchio003@umn.edu

Web: [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

### **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College**

Greenbay, WI

p. 920-498-5568 or 800-422-NWTC, ext. 5568

e-mail: [valerie.dantoin@nwtc.edu](mailto:valerie.dantoin@nwtc.edu)

Web: [www.nwtc.edu](http://www.nwtc.edu)

Offers a Certificate in Organic Agriculture - designed to give farmers the skills and knowledge they need to grow and sell organic products. Certificate includes managing crops, livestock, produce, and a farm or small business using sustainable principles, NOP standards and OMRI resources.

### **Northland College**

Ashland, WI

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

e-mail: [chintz@northland.edu](mailto: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](mailto:agroecology@cals.wisc.edu)

Web: [www.agroecology.wisc.edu/](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](mailto:pes@uwrf.edu)

Web: [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](mailto: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

### **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: [www.sust.ag.iastate.edu/gpsa/](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.

Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) | PO BOX 339, Spring Valley, WI  
p. 715-778-5775 | [info@mosesorganic.org](mailto:info@mosesorganic.org) | [www.mosesorganic.org](http://www.mosesorganic.org)

## **Western Iowa Tech Community College**

Sioux City, IA

712-274-6400, ext.1209

e-mail: [dollisa@witcc.edu](mailto:dollisa@witcc.edu)

Web: [www.witcc.com/programs/details.cfm?id=239](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.

## **Other Midwest 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)

Seeks to increase opportunities for producers to access the latest research-based recommendations; for researchers to explore current projects and trials; and for consumers to understand the benefits of organic products.

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

Madison, WI 53706

p. 608-262-5200, f. 608-265-3020

Web: [www.cias.wisc.edu/](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: [www.cias.wisc.edu/dairysch.html](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.

### **Farm Beginnings**

Land Stewardship Project

Web: [www.landstewardshipproject.org/farmbeg.html](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/farmbeg.html)

Farmer-led educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise.

### **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.cslearningcenter.org/what/training/stateline](http://www.cslearningcenter.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)

## **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)

## **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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