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ORGANIC MARKET GARDENING TRAINING – June 5

Event highlights business structure, financing and marketing best practices

SPRING VALLEY, WI, May 12, 2011 – Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) announced an upcoming training on “Getting Started in Organic Market Gardening.” The training will be held on Sunday, June 5th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Organic Field School located at Gardens of Eagan farm near Farmington, MN. Cost is \$50 per person. Lunch and materials will be provided.

The training will feature two simultaneous tracks - one that focuses on issues new farmers will face and the other on issues for current farmers. Aspects of organic market vegetable production will be addressed, with an emphasis on management and production. This training will include classroom time and a farm tour.

This in-depth training will spotlight a farming couple at the beginning of their organic market farming career and another couple already successfully managing their own organic farm. Presenters include John Middleton and Lidia Dunge, who both currently farm at Gardens of Eagan and are beginning their own farming enterprise on the Gardens of Eagan incubator project, and Laura Frerichs and Adam Cullip, who co-own and operate Loon Organics, a 40-acre certified organic vegetable farm in Hutchinson, MN.

“We’ll have an array of topics that will be covered including: selecting a business structure; capital and farm financing; planning your year; soil building and equipment selection,” noted Joe Pedretti, MOSES organic education specialist. “Attendees will also learn about field planning, crop rotation, cover cropping, scaling up and marketing strategies.”

MOSES organized this training in partnership with the Organic Field School, an educational non-profit dedicated to transforming our food and farming systems by providing organic and ecologically based, practical education and research to farmers, and to teaching the benefits and values of ecological and organic farming systems to the public.

MOSES is a non-profit education and resource organization that works with farmers, farming organizations, and government agencies to organize its organic farm field days. Sessions are open to farmers, agriculture professionals, and those interested in organic and sustainable farming practices. MOSES provides free information and resources for attendees.

Space is limited and pre-registration is recommended. There are three easy options to register for MOSES events: online at www.mosesorganic.org, call (715) 778-5775 or email: angie@mosesorganic.org.

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