

## APPENDIX C: RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The resources and organizations listed below provide support for farmers, students and others interested in organic agriculture. Please let us know about additional resources that we should include in future reports: cecarusi@wisc.edu, 608-262-8018.

**College and University Resources*****Lawrence University, Appleton***

**Contact:** Jeff Clark, jeffrey.j.clark@lawrence.edu  
www.lawrence.edu/sorg/slug/index.html

Lawrence University offers a course in sustainable agriculture that addresses the state of modern agriculture in the U.S. and the world. Students identify social, economic and environmental problems with current systems of agriculture, and explore viable solutions to these problems. The course includes hands-on instruction at the university's organically managed garden.

***Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay***

**Contact:** Valerie Dantoin, 920-498-5568, valerie.dantoin@nwtc.edu

www.nwtc.edu/academics/ProgTeamSites/OSAFE/Pages/Home.aspx

NWTC offers a certificate in Organic and Sustainable Agricultural Practices comprised of eight different courses developed by professional educators and farmers. Individuals can choose among the courses.

***Northland College, Ashland***

academics.northland.edu/growing-connections/

Growing Connections is a nine-course sequence that focuses on the history, theories and practices of sustainable agriculture. Student participants work closely with faculty mentors and regional farmers in classrooms, labs and fields to develop a comprehensive understanding of the role that agriculture plays in the lives of individuals and their communities.

***UW-Fox Valley, Menasha***

1478 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952

Gregory Peter, Sociology, 920-832-2655,  
greg.peter@uwc.edu, www.uwfox.uwc.edu

UW Fox Valley's experiential learning opportunities provide students with opportunities to get involved in local and organic food events and resource preparation, community garden projects and school food and waste management, as well as a number of non-agricultural sustainability projects.

***UW-Marathon County, Wausau***

**Contacts:** Paul Whitaker, 715-261-6284, paul.whitaker@uwc.edu; Kat Becker, kat.becker@uwc.edu  
www.uwmc.uwc.edu/

UW-Marathon County offers an interdisciplinary course on "Social and Scientific Aspects of Organic Agriculture," live at UW-Marathon County and via compressed video at UW-Fox Valley in Menasha.

***UW-River Falls, Sustainable Agriculture Program***

**Contacts:** Juliet Tomkins, 715-425-3176,  
juliet.tomkins@uwrf.edu;

William Anderson, william.anderson@uwrf.edu  
www.uwrf.edu/PES/SustainableAgOption.cfm

UW-River Falls offers a sustainable agriculture option within its Crop and Soil Science degree. Courses developed for the program address environmental sustainability, organic agriculture, rural sociology, integrated pest management, sustainable agriculture law and sustainable animal production.

***UW-Stevens Point, Sustainable Agriculture in Communities Society***

800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point 54481

**Contact:** sacs@uwsp.edu

www.uwsp.edu/hphd/Pages/cpsCafe/default.aspx

This student society runs a campus organic garden and the campus CPS Café that uses organic and local food.

***UW-Stevens Point, Global Environmental Management Education Center***

800 Reserve St., Stevens Point Wisconsin 54481

**Contact:** John Sheffy, John.sheffy@uwsp.edu

www.uwsp.uwc.edu

The GEM program on Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry offers a "Farmer Incubator" class that provides opportunities for students to learn through farm visits, internships, hands-on projects and classroom learning.

***UW-Madison, Agroecology Master's Program***

139A King Hall, 1525 Observatory Dr., Madison WI 53706-1299

**Contact:** Chris Elholm, 608-890-1456,

caelholm@wisc.edu

www.agroecology.wisc.edu

Agroecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison aims to train analysts and researchers in a broadened vision of the possibilities of agriculture, including organic agriculture. Students can choose a public practice (project oriented) or research (thesis oriented) option for their master's degree work.

***UW-Madison, Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS)***

1535 Observatory Dr., Madison, WI 53706

**Contact:** Erin Silva, 608-890-1503, [emsilva@wisc.edu](mailto:emsilva@wisc.edu)  
[www.cias.wisc.edu](http://www.cias.wisc.edu)

CIAS creates flexible, multidisciplinary research and education/training projects with the goal of learning how particular integrated farming systems, including organic, can contribute to environmental, economic, social and intergenerational sustainability.

***UW-Madison, F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture***[www.fhkingstudentfarm.com](http://www.fhkingstudentfarm.com)

F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture is focused on establishing the connection between the land, food and community. The organization has a one-acre, organically managed, student-run farm where volunteers and students gain hands-on experience in small-scale sustainable agriculture. F.H. King also holds free educational workshops and events for the UW-Madison campus community.

**State and Federal Agencies*****Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)*****Contact:** Laura Paine, 608-224-5012,[Laura.paine@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Laura.paine@wisconsin.gov)[www.datcp.state.wi.us](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us)

The DATCP Agricultural Development division provides business development and marketing support and is home to the Wisconsin Farm Center. DATCP's Organic Agriculture program administers the USDA organic certification cost share program, coordinates the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council and offers organic farmer education and market development assistance.

***USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)*****State office contact:** 608-662-4422[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

FSA administers federal farm commodity, crop insurance, credit, environmental, conservation and disaster assistance programs to both organic and nonorganic producers nationally. FSA's Non Insured Assistance Program, for which organic farmers are eligible, provides insurance for a wide range of crops.

***USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)*****State office contact:** 608-662-4422;[www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov)

Wisconsin NRCS provides technical assistance to land users and managers to assess environmental risk and

develop conservation plans. NRCS provides cost sharing for conservation practices, including organic transition plans and a special sign-up for organic farmers, through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and offers incentive payments to farmers who have installed a high level of conservation protection through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

**Nonprofit Organizations*****American Pastured Poultry Producers Association (APPPA)*****Contact:** 888-66-APPPA (2-7772), [grit@apppa.org](mailto:grit@apppa.org)[www.apppa.org](http://www.apppa.org)

APPPA encourages people to learn and exchange information about raising poultry on pasture. Membership in APPPA includes a quarterly newsletter with information and ideas for pastured poultry producers. APPPA hosts an annual meeting and field days.

***Agriculture and Energy Resource Center (AERC)***[www.wisconsin.aerc.org](http://www.wisconsin.aerc.org)

AERC formed out of a community's desire to protect a piece of its cultural heritage from private development. AERC's efforts include field research to help identify new crop and market opportunities; on-site demonstration projects to give the public a first-hand look at sustainable practices; educational workshops and seminars for both farmers and consumers; and the promotion of cooperative agribusiness models.

***Central Rivers Farmshed***[www.farmshed.org](http://www.farmshed.org)

Central Rivers Farmshed members are committed to making central Wisconsin a renowned local food community. Farmshed works to expand the connection between local residents and their food, and provides opportunities for participation, education, cooperation and action to support a local food economy in central Wisconsin.

***Community Groundworks (Troy Gardens)*****Contact:** Claire Strader, 608-240-0409,[info@troygardens.org](mailto:info@troygardens.org)[www.troygardens.org](http://www.troygardens.org)

Community GroundWorks manages 26 acres of open space. Their programs fulfill the goals of developing the land in a sustainable manner, improving food security for Madison's north side residents and providing educational programs on gardening, natural areas restoration, food preparation, nutrition and environmental education. They offer internships in sustainable and organic agriculture.

***Fondy Food Center—Fondy Farm Project***

**Contact:** Stephen Petro, 414-562-2282,  
stephen.petro@gmail.com  
www.fondymarket.org

The Fondy Farm Project plans to create a secure, economically viable farm cooperative for small-scale, local immigrant and limited resource farmers providing fresh food for residents of Milwaukee's north side.

***Farley Center***

**Contact:** 608-845-8724, info@farleycenter.org  
www.farleycenter.org

The Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability created a farm incubator that supports new farmers with land, tools, education, and marketing assistance. Training takes place while maintaining full respect for the cultural crops and practices of the growers involved. All production is organic.

***Grass Works, Inc.***

**Contact:** grass@granitewave.com  
www.grassworks.org

GrassWorks is expanding the practice of managed grazing throughout Wisconsin and creating a thriving market for grass-fed products. GrassWorks organizes workshops, pasture walks, mentoring relationships and seminars, as well as an annual grazing conference. GrassWorks also participates in on-farm grazing research projects in order to advance the science of grazing.

***Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (MACSAC)***

**Contact:** 608-226-0300, info@macsac.org  
www.macsac.org

The Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Coalition works to create a sustainable, just and locally based food system in southern Wisconsin by promoting and supporting organic CSA farms, coordinating community and farmer education programs about the benefits of locally, sustainably grown foods and subsidizing CSA memberships for limited-income households.

***Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI)***

**Contact:** 262-642-3303,  
mfaiadmin@michaelfieldsaginst.org  
www.michaelfieldsaginst.org

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute's applied research and breeding efforts benefit the organic agricultural community. MFAI offers a wide range of workshops, taught by farmers, of interest to organic farmers. MFAI is also involved in activities important to the continued

vitality of the organic industry, including national and local policy, local food systems and urban agriculture.

***Midwest Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (MODPA)***

**Contact:** 715-265-4631, bdrinkman@hotmail.com  
www.familyfarmdefenders.org

MODPA is an organic dairy producers group dedicated to improving communication, enhancing farm gate price and consumer confidence while upholding the highest organic dairy standards.

***Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)***

**Contact:** 715-778-5775, info@mosesorganic.org  
www.mosesorganic.org

MOSES serves farmers who strive to produce high-quality, healthful food using organic and sustainable techniques. MOSES is best known for organizing the largest organic farming conference in the country, and publishes the *Upper Midwest Organic Resource Directory* and the *Organic Broadcaster*. The MOSES Farmer-to-Farmer Mentoring Program pairs experienced and transitioning organic farmers to promote the successful adoption of organic methods.

***Organic Tree Fruit Association (OTFA)***

**Contact:** Jackie Hoch, 715-808-0060,  
OTFAinfo@gmail.com

www.mosesorganic.org/treefruit/intro.htm

The OTFA is dedicated to serving the interests of organic tree fruit growers and advancing the organic tree fruit industry through education, research and advocacy.

***Research, Education, Action and Policy on Food Group (REAP)***

**Contact:** 608-310-7836, info@reapfoodgroup.org  
www.reapfoodgroup.org

REAP connects producers, consumers, policymakers, educators, businesses and organizations to nourish the links between land and table, support small family farmers, encourage sustainable agricultural practices, preserve the diversity and safety of our food supply and address the food security of everyone in our community.

***Wisconsin Organic Marketing Alliance (WOMA)***

**Contact:** 608-427-2201, mcdonald@mwt.net  
organicmarketingalliance.org

WOMA's mission is grain producers helping livestock producers to put Wisconsin as a leader in organic grain management, while protecting the organic price structure. WOMA is a proud member of the Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship Marketing (OFARM).