
Organic Resource List

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For information regarding certification standards and procedures:

Texas Department of Agriculture

Organic Certification Program

512.463.7615 or 512.475.1641

www.tda.state.tx.us

U.S. Department of Agriculture

National Organic Program

202.720.3252

www.ams.usda.gov/nop/

U.S. Department of Agriculture:

Sustainable Agriculture and Research and Education Programs (SARE)

SARE sponsors competitive grants for sustainable agriculture research and education.

301.504.5199

www.sare.org

Economic Research Service

Provides economic analysis of U.S. agricultural industry.

800.999.6779 or 703.605.6900

www.ers.usda.gov

Organic data: www.ers.usda.gov/Data/Organic

Organic prices: www.ers.usda.gov/Data/OrganicPrices

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Provides information and guidance on crop rotation, residue management, pest & weed management, nutrient management, cover cropping, rotational grazing, pasture improvement, soil conservation and increasing diversity in farming and ranching systems.

Cost share funding may be available for some of these management practices as part of NRCS and other government programs.

www.nrcs.usda.gov

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Understand the trends driving U.S. agriculture.

800.727.9540 or 202.720.3878

www.usda.gov/nass

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC)

Provides information on alternative cropping systems.

301.504.6559

www.nal.usda.gov/afsic

Foreign Agricultural Service

Understand U.S. agriculture's position in the global marketplace. Established to build new markets and improve U.S. competition.

www.fas.usda.gov

Organics

A monthly newsletter with reports on organics from around the world.

www.fas.usda.gov/http/organics/organics.html

Grower, Trade, Commodity, Marketing Associations:

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Provides a forum for Texas growers to discuss organic industry issues. Provides links to industry websites and promotes educational programs.

info@tofga.org

www.tofga.org

Organic Farming Research Foundation

Sponsors research related to organic farming, disseminates results to farmers and provides educational resources about organic farming issues.

831.426.6606

www.ofrf.org

Organic Trade Association

Industry trade association for U.S. and Canadian organic growers and processors.

413.774.7511

www.ota.com

****Extensive resource list: "How to go Organic"**

Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative

Texas organic cotton growers can independently market their product through this cooperative.

806.748.8336

www.texasorganic.com

Online resources for organic and sustainable agriculture:

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas

ATTRA provides information on sustainable farming, alternative crop/ livestock enterprises and marketing.

800.346.9140

www.attra.org

****Great resource: Organic Crop (or Livestock)**

Producer Workbooks

Rodale Institute

<http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/>

*Provides an online **Organic Transition Course** program designed to help understand the requirements to become certified organic. ****Great online tutorial***

<http://www.tritrainingcenter.org/course/>

The New Farm

Electronic publication from the Rodale Institute that provides farmer-to-farmer information on organic and sustainable farming practices.

610.683.1475

http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new_farm

Organic Processing

Covers all aspects of certified organic food, fiber, and personal care manufacturing.

760.633.2947

www.organicprocessing.com

University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

SAREP supports scientific research and education to balance economic viability with resource conservation.

530.752.7556

www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/about.htm

Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Provides analysis of markets to help develop rural economies.

918.647.9123

www.kerrcenter.com

Organic Materials Review Institute

Publishes lists of materials allowed and prohibited for use in organic production, processing, and handling.

541.343.7600

www.omri.org

Eco-Farm Association

Non-profit educational organization that promotes ecologically sound agriculture.

831.763.2111

<http://www.eco-farm.org>

Sustainable Farming Connection

An information resource of sustainable production and marketing techniques.

607.753.8925

www.ibiblio.org/farming-connection

Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture

Part of Winrock International, a global research and education organization promoting responsible resource management.

301.441.8777

www.winrock.org/what/wallace_center.cfm

Lohas Journal & Natural Business Products

Bimonthly business-to-business publication that examines the lifestyles of health and sustainability market.

303.442.8983

www.lohasjournal.com or www.naturalbiz.com

Acres USA

A national monthly publication that offers a comprehensive guide to sustainable agriculture.

800.355.5313 or 512.892.4400

www.acresusa.com

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