

GUIDE TO ATTRA's ORGANIC PUBLICATIONS

RESOURCE LIST

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Since its beginning in 1987, NCAT's ATTRA Project has provided the organic farming community with timely and helpful information on production and marketing. Now that organic agriculture has entered a new era of expanding growth, sophistication, and federal regulation, the need for information has moved to a new level.



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To meet that demand, NCAT has sharpened its focus on certified organic agriculture. We are forming new partnerships with other organizations, creating new materials and updating old ones, tackling new issues, and bringing fresh perspectives to familiar questions. In order to assist you in using our service, we've created this guide to our organic publications. In it, you will learn what these publications contain and how to use them.

Organic Regulation, Certification, Transition, & History Publications

♦ Organic Farm Certification and the National Organic Program ♦

Our basic guide to the organic certification process. Provides a brief history of organic certification, steps in the certification process, how to evaluate a certifier, and examples of how fees are assessed.

♦ Documentation Forms ♦

These forms are tools for documenting practices, inputs, and activities that demonstrate compliance with the National Organic Standard. They are intended to make recording easy and should be shown to the inspector during annual inspections. There are four separate packages: "Field Crops," "Livestock," and "Orchard, Vineyard, & Berry Crop" forms are currently available; "Organic Market Farming Forms" will be available early in 2004.

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Organic Regulation, Certification, Transition, & History Publications

◆ National Organic Program Compliance Checklist for Producers ◆

The Compliance Checklist is another tool to assist farmers, ranchers, inspectors, and certifiers in assessing compliance with the National Organic Standard. The document is a reformulation of the Regulations into “yes” and “no” questions and is organized to reflect the content requirements of the Organic System Plan. The Checklist is another product of the aforementioned project that created the Organic Workbooks.

◆ Opportunities in Agriculture — Transitioning to Organic Production ◆

ATTRA has a special relationship with the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) and distributes many of their publications. We are especially pleased to provide this publication on transitioning to organic production.



◆ Organic Crops and Livestock Workbooks ◆

NCAT's “Organic Crops Workbook” and “Organic Livestock Workbook” are the products of two years of collaborative effort with many leaders from the organic community. Both publications are written from the perspective of organic inspectors and give the user a clear picture of all the details that must be considered in developing a system that is compliant with the National Organic Standard. The reader will get an excellent picture of the range of practices and inputs allowed and prohibited. Guidelines for selecting the most sustainable options are provided. Unresolved issues are highlighted and discussed. The Workbooks are excellent tools for anyone making the transition from a conventional operation.

◆ Overview of Organic Crop Production ◆

Outlines the evolution of organic farming in the U.S., highlighting both the realities and the misconceptions. A good introduction for prospective organic growers and others new to organic agriculture

◆ Creating an Organic Production and Handling System Plan ◆

Contains template forms that are in common use by U.S. certifiers. Provides prospective organic producers with an insight into the kinds of information they will need to provide when making application for certification.

Other ATTRA Organic Publications of Particular Note

◆ Biodynamic Farming & Compost Preparation ◆

Provides details on a unique approach to organic production.

◆ Considerations in Organic Hog Production ◆

The latest research and farmer experience. Humane and sustainable production methods.

◆ Manures for Organic Crop Production ◆

Addresses the problems and challenges of raw and composted manure. Also deals with guano.



Other ATTRA Organic Publications of Particular Note

♦ Organic Livestock Feed Suppliers ♦

Provides contacts and product information for those seeking organic feed.

♦ Marketing Organic Grains ♦

Discusses quality standards, storage issues, brokerage, cooperative marketing, and adding value.

♦ Organic Alternatives to Treated Lumber ♦

The National Organic Standard prohibits the use of treated lumber in new construction where contamination might occur. This publication outlines a number of alternatives.



♦ Organic Marketing Resources ♦

National and regional organic trade organizations and publications, market research studies, many other resources.

♦ Organic Potting Mixes for Certified Production ♦

Describes allowed potting mix ingredients. Provides recipes, sources for commercial mixes.

♦ Protecting Water Quality on Organic Farms ♦

Shows how water quality protection is greatest when farmers use a systems approach.

♦ Pursuing Conservation Tillage Systems for Organic Crop Production ♦

Current and upcoming no-till and low-till technologies adaptable to organic systems. Challenges myth that organic production and conservation tillage are mutually exclusive.

♦ Sources of Organic Fertilizers and Amendments ♦

Listing of suppliers and manufacturers, organized by state and by product type.

♦ Sources of “Spraying Prohibited” Signs for Organic Farms ♦

Organic growers are expected to protect their crops from spray drift. Signage is a useful tool to accomplish this.

♦ Suppliers of Seed for Certified Organic Production ♦

Organic growers must use organic seed if commercially available. Most comprehensive listing in print.

Remember....



ATTRA has more than 230 publications on sustainable agriculture topics, including rotational grazing, multispecies grazing, intercropping, composting, sustainable soil management, weed control, and agroforestry – topics that typically interest organic producers and which they find very useful. Descriptions of these materials can be found in the *ATTRA Publications Catalogue*, which is available free of charge by calling 1-800-346-9140 or visiting our website at www.attra.ncat.org.



Organic Production & Pest Management Publications

ATTRA has many organic publications available. Request the current *ATTRA Publications Catalogue* for titles and descriptions.

♦ Organic Horticultural Crops ♦

- *Overview of Organic Fruit Production*
- *Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums*
- *Blueberries, Brambles, Strawberries, Grapes*
- *Herbs, Garlic, Hops, Onions*
- *Asparagus, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes*
- *Sweet Potatoes, Specialty Lettuce, Pumpkins*
- *Greenhouse Production, Plugs & Transplants*



♦ Organic Pest Control ♦

- *Squash Bug, Squash Vine Borer*
- *Colorado Potato Beetle*
- *Flea Beetle, Cucumber Beetle*
- *Bug Vacuums, Flame Weeding*
- *White Mold, Late Blight*
- *Powdery Mildew, Downy Mildew*
- *Large Predator Control*



♦ Organic Agronomic Crops ♦

- *Field Corn*
- *Alfalfa*
- *Cotton*
- *Rice*
- *Soybeans*
- *Small Grains*



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