



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22. University of Nebraska's Ninth Alternative Farming Systems Field Day and Farm Tour, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society. Contact Warren Sahs, Agricultural Research and Development Center, Mead, NE 68041. The Center's phone number is (402) 624-2275.

September 7-8. Regenerative Agriculture Association's Sixth Annual Thompson Field Days at the Dick and Sharon Thompson farm near Boone, Iowa. Contact Thompson Field Days, RAA, 222 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18098. Phone (215) 967-5171.

September 6. Organic Vegetable Production for a Marketing Co-Op, Blue Heron Farm, Lodi, NY, 12-4 p.m.

September 10-15. Sustainable International Development Workshop, co-sponsored by the Institute of International Agriculture and the Michigan State University Department of Resource Development, at the Kellogg Biological Station of MSU. The workshop will demonstrate application of computer-assisted information systems for resource assessment, project planning, and implementation. Differences between more and less sustainable farming systems will be analyzed. The program is designed for professionals in international development. Contact Dr. George Axinn, Department of Resource Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

September 13. Organic Apples and Other Fruit, Hepworth Farm, Milton, NY, 12-4 p.m.

September 20. Composting on a Commercial Scale, Moody Hill Farm, Amenia, NY, 12-4 p.m.

Fees charged. Contact Pat Kane, NOFA-NY Secretary, at (607) 648-5557.

September 24-27. Expanding the Future of the Small Farm: What Works!, sponsored by Farmer's Home Administration with University Extension, University of Missouri-Columbia, Lin-

coln University, and Missouri Department of Agriculture. This interactive three-day program will provide practical knowledge to enhance skills and networking capabilities for service providers to the small and limited resource farmer. Contact Mary Leuci at (314) 882-2937.

October 8. Farmer Participation in Research for Sustainable Agriculture, sponsored by the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Topics include influencing the research agenda at land grant institutions, on-farm research methodology, appropriate topics and funding for on-farm research. For information contact Marcie Brewster at the toll-free number of Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA): (800) 346-9140.

October 17-19. FOCUS Conference on Eastern Ground Water Issues, sponsored by the Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Conference papers will include agricultural and domestic impacts on ground water. For information contact FOCUS Eastern Conference, National Water Well Association, P.O. Box 182039, Department #017, Columbus, OH 43218.

October 20-22. National Citizen's

Conference on Groundwater, sponsored by the Environmental Policy Institute, in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference includes workshops on health impacts of groundwater contaminants, low-input agriculture, hazardous waste reduction, and more. Its objective is strengthening a network of citizens capable of ensuring the wise stewardship of the country's underground water resources. Contact EPI, 218 D Street, SW, Washington, DC 20003.

November 2-4. The Place of Values in Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Systems, sponsored by the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Topics include farming, nutrition, and public policy. Contact Dr. Carolyn Sachs, Department of Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802.

Summer-Fall. Farm Field Days on Organic Farming and Composting, a series of on-farm field days sponsored as a joint effort of NOFA-NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Northeast Organic and Sustainable Farmers Network, and others. Discussions, tours, and demonstrations by farmers concerning their management practices, special solutions to avoid the use of toxic chemicals, marketing, and labor.



New Jersey launches organic certification program

A statewide certification program for organic growers has been announced by a food industry group that includes organic farmers and representatives from Rutgers University and the state department of agriculture. According to Dr. Gerald Berkowitz of Rutgers, the program will be administered by a board elected by the Natural Organic Farmers Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ). The group distinguishes organic foods as those grown without synthetic farm chemicals, but also as food produced by methods that promote the biological health of the soil. For more information contact NOFA-NJ, R.D. 1, Box 263A, Pennington, NJ 08534.