



AG. PROGRAMS

MOSES ORGANIC FACT SHEET

# Educational Opportunities in Sustainable & Organic Ag.

**O**rganic farming is the fastest growing sector in agriculture. Consumers are voting with their food dollars and are increasingly choosing organic foods. This rapid and sustained growth in sales is creating many new jobs and career opportunities. University and college programs that offer organic and sustainable classes and degrees are more readily available than ever before. Here is a list of some universities and colleges in the Midwest that currently offer degrees, minors and training in sustainable and organic agriculture.

## ILLINOIS

### Black Hawk College

Galva, Ill., five miles south of Kewanee  
800-233-5671, ext. 1724, or 309-854-1724  
recruitment@bhc.edu • www.bhc.edu  
Programs in Organic Field Production

### John Wood Community College

Local Food Programs  
1301 S. 48th Street, Quincy, IL 62305  
217-641-4340 • jwcc.edu/academics/degrees/local-food  
Certificate in Sustainable Local Foods Farming  
Courses and hands-on training in sustainable fruit and vegetable production, entrepreneurship, and marketing. 11-acre demonstration market garden

### Lake Land College

Agriculture Department  
5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon, IL 61938  
217-234-5208  
www.lakeland.cc.il.us/Agriculture/index.cfm  
Associate in Applied Science degree in Alternative Agriculture Production

### Southern Illinois University

College of Agricultural Sciences  
Department of Plant, Soil Science and Agricultural Systems  
1205 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-453-2496

collagri@siu.edu psas@siu.edu • coas.siu.edu  
Undergraduate and graduate studies on sustainable agriculture; undergraduate minor in Sustainable Agriculture planned; special projects and internships

### University of Illinois

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences,  
Agroecology/Sustainable Agriculture Program  
W-503 Turner Hall, MC-047  
1102 South Goodwin, Urbana, IL 61801  
217-333-9471 • asap.sustainability.uiuc.edu  
Undergraduate and graduate courses in agroecology and sustainable systems

### University of Illinois Extension

Logan/Menard/Sangamon Unit  
700 S. Airport Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707  
217-782-4617 • web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm  
Illinois Small Farms Program with information for both the commercial small farmer and small acreage landowner; quarterly *Illinois Small Farm News*

### Western Illinois University

Department of Agriculture  
145 Knoblauch Hall, Macomb, IL 61455  
309-298-1080 • www.wiu.edu/agriculture  
Course in Integrated Pest Management (AGRN 373); research in alternative crops and organic farming; 80-acre Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm; field days

## INDIANA

### Purdue University

Academic Programs in Agriculture  
Agricultural Administration Building Room 121  
615 W. State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907  
765-494-8470 • www.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap

Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

625 Agriculture Mall Drive , West Lafayette, IN 47907  
765-494-1300 • [www.hort.purdue.edu/hort](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/hort)  
Courses on sustainable crop production, organic production in horticulture, integrated pest management, sustainable forest ecosystems, agroecology, and agroforestry. Internships available.

## IOWA

### University of Iowa

Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension  
2150 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50010-2046  
515-294-7836 • [www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/sustainablealternative-agriculture](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/sustainablealternative-agriculture) • [agronext@iastate.edu](mailto:agronext@iastate.edu)  
Sustainable Agriculture Extension Program; on-farm research, demonstrations, field days, workshops, bulletins, newsletters, videotapes, and training

Department of Agronomy  
1126 Agronomy Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1010  
515-294-3846 • [www.ImAnAgronomist.net](http://www.ImAnAgronomist.net) • [agron@iastate.edu](mailto:agron@iastate.edu)  
Undergraduate Agronomy major with Agroecology option; interdepartmental graduate degree program in sustainable agriculture (see GPSA below)

Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (GPSA)  
109 Bessey Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1020  
515-294-6518 • [www.sust.ag.iastate.edu/gpsa](http://www.sust.ag.iastate.edu/gpsa) • [gpsa@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsa@iastate.edu)  
M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sustainable agriculture; interdepartmental degree delivered in partnership with 17 Iowa State University departments

College of Business  
1360 Gerdin Business Building, Ames, IA 50011  
515-294-8118 • [www.business.iastate.edu/masters/mba/susag](http://www.business.iastate.edu/masters/mba/susag) • [busgrad@iastate.edu](mailto:busgrad@iastate.edu)  
MBA Sustainable Agriculture Minor offered through the College of Business and the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (GPSA); graduate assistantships in sustainable agriculture in partnership with the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture

### Iowa State University

Organic Agriculture Program  
Departments of Agronomy and Horticulture  
106 Horticulture Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1010  
515-294-7069 • [www.hort.iastate.edu](http://www.hort.iastate.edu) • [extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag](http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag) • [www.agron.iastate.edu/studentfarm](http://www.agron.iastate.edu/studentfarm)  
Experiment station and on-farm organic agricultural research, Extension activities, bulletins, field days, and training; research in organic topics

### Maharishi University of Management

Sustainable Living Department  
1000 North 4th Street , Fairfield, IA 52557  
641-472-7000 • [www.mum.edu/sustainable\\_living](http://www.mum.edu/sustainable_living) • [sustainability@mum.edu](mailto:sustainability@mum.edu)  
Undergraduate program in Sustainable Living covers sustainable/organic agriculture. Campus organic vegetable garden and permaculture fruit orchard

### Western Iowa Tech Community College

4647 Stone Avenue, Room A100, Sioux City, IA 51102  
712-274-6400 • [www.witcc.edu](http://www.witcc.edu) • [info@witcc.edu](mailto:info@witcc.edu)  
Organic Agriculture Diploma; principles of organic farming and practical applications; transitioning to organic farming; organic crop production; organic animal husbandry; product certification; marketing; pest management strategies; sustainable agriculture

## MICHIGAN

### Michigan State University

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039  
517-355-0232 • [www.canr.msu.edu](http://www.canr.msu.edu)  
[web2.canr.msu.edu/maes/maes1.cfm](http://web2.canr.msu.edu/maes/maes1.cfm) (searchable database of Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station research projects)  
Graduate studies and Extension; courses and research projects in sustainable agriculture, organic agriculture, precision agriculture, integrated pest management, etc.

Department of Entomology  
243 Natural Science Building, East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-355-4663 • [www.ent.msu.edu](http://www.ent.msu.edu)  
Extension and research projects in integrated pest management; undergraduate and graduate programs in integrated pest management and in sustainable agriculture

Environmental Science and Policy Program  
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems  
274 Giltner Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-432-8296 • [www.safs.msu.edu](http://www.safs.msu.edu)  
Research projects in sustainable agriculture and food systems; organic farming and marketing, soil ecology and management, cover crops, integrated pest management, biological control of plant pests, community beef programs, and cultural diversity

C. S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University ([www.mottgroup.msu.edu](http://www.mottgroup.msu.edu))

Student Organic Farm  
Plant and Soil Sciences Building

3291 College Road, Holt, MI 48824  
517-230-7987 • www.msuorganicfarm.org •  
msufarm@msu.edu

Organic Farming Certificate Program includes 40 credit courses in organic or sustainable farming and specialty production research; internship or apprenticeship; educational programs; Student Organic Farm; and one-year Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation.

W. K. Kellogg Biological Station  
3700 East Gull Lake Drive,  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060  
269-671-5117 • www.kbs.msu.edu  
Graduate training in agricultural ecology; undergraduate research internships and fellowships  
Long-Term Ecological Research Program  
(<http://lter.kbs.msu.edu/>)

University of Michigan  
Center for Sustainable Systems  
School of Natural Resources and Environment  
Dana Building  
440 Church Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1041  
734-764-1412 • [css.snre.umich.edu](http://css.snre.umich.edu) • [css.info@umich.edu](mailto:css.info@umich.edu)  
Integrated graduate and undergraduate programs involve some elements of sustainable agriculture including renewable energy

## MINNESOTA

### University of Minnesota

Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture  
411 Borlaug Hall  
1991 Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108  
612-625-8235 • 800-909-MISA (6472)  
[www.misa.umn.edu](http://www.misa.umn.edu)

Minor in Sustainable Agriculture Systems available for undergraduate and graduate students. Sustainable agriculture research; on-farm learning and internships. Cornercopia Student Organic Farm (<http://sof.cfans.umn.edu>, e-mail: [umsosf@umn.edu](mailto:umsosf@umn.edu)) offers internships and a Student Organic Farm Planning, Growing and Marketing Class

Organic Ecology  
University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center  
23669 130th Street, Lamberton, MN 56152  
507-752-7372 • [organicecology.umn.edu](http://organicecology.umn.edu)  
Program explores agricultural alternatives and the science of organic systems. Research and outreach programs in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Extension Service

### University of Minnesota - Morris

West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC)  
46352 State Highway 329, Morris, Minnesota 56267  
320-589-1711 • [wcroc.cfans.umn.edu](http://wcroc.cfans.umn.edu)  
Only Midwestern organic dairy research facility, one of 3 in all of US; only land-grant university facility with both organic and traditional dairy research

## WISCONSIN

### Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI, 54307-9042  
920-498-5400 or 800-422-NWTC, ext. 5568  
[www.nwtc.edu](http://www.nwtc.edu)

Certificate in Organic Agriculture includes managing crops, livestock, produce, and a farm or small business using sustainable principles, NOP standards and OMRI resources

### Northland College

1411 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806  
715-682-1699 • [www.northland.edu](http://www.northland.edu)  
Courses in Sustainable Agriculture; support of arranged majors; work-study positions in the campus garden which grows food for campus events and student activities; integrated liberal education block of ten courses focused on Sustainable Agriculture

### University of Wisconsin

Agroecology Program  
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
139A King Hall  
1525 Observatory Drive, Madison WI 53706  
608-890-1456 • [www.agroecology.wisc.edu](http://www.agroecology.wisc.edu) •  
[agroecology@cals.wisc.edu](mailto:agroecology@cals.wisc.edu)  
M.Sc. in Agroecology (multidisciplinary); core courses: Farm as Socioenvironmental Endeavor, Multifunctionality of Agriculture, Agroecology Field Study, Seminar in Agroecology

Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems  
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
1535 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706  
608-262-5200 • [www.cias.wisc.edu](http://www.cias.wisc.edu)  
Multidisciplinary research and outreach programs include pasture-based farming, value-added enterprise budgets, pesticide reduction strategies for fruit growers, fresh produce production and marketing, specialty crops and value-added agriculture, a sustainable agriculture curriculum and schools for beginning dairy farmers and market growers. Many faculty associates research and teach courses on sustainable and organic agriculture. CSA operated by members of the F.H. King Students of Sustainable Agriculture organization

### Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers

1535 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706  
608-265-7914 • [www.agroecology.wisc.edu](http://www.agroecology.wisc.edu)  
One- or two-year certificate with specialty in Pasture-based Dairy and Livestock; also pasture-based Dairy and Livestock Seminar within the UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course, or via facilitated distance education classrooms throughout Wisconsin

### Wisconsin School for Beginning Market Growers Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems

1535 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706  
608-265-3704 • [www.marketfarmtoolbox.com](http://www.marketfarmtoolbox.com)  
An intensive three-day course demonstrating aspects of setting up and running a market garden or small farm. The school emphasizes organic production methods and direct marketing, as well as fertility management, greenhouses, season extension, pest and disease management, equipment needs and labor. ”

### Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Agriculture College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

1535 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706  
608-890-0980 or 608-262-6965 • [wisa.cals.wisc.edu](http://wisa.cals.wisc.edu)  
A federation of centers and departments in the UW-Madison College for Agricultural and Life Sciences that provide research, education, and outreach on sustainable agriculture

### University of Wisconsin - River Falls

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Department of Plant and Earth Science  
Crop and Soil Science Program  
324 Agricultural Science, 611 S 3rd Street  
River Falls, WI 54022-5001  
715-425-3345 • [www.uwrf.edu/pes/crop-soil/](http://www.uwrf.edu/pes/crop-soil/)  
M.S. degree in Crop and Soil Science with option in Sustainable Agriculture; courses in Organic Food Production Systems; Integrated Pest Management; Agricultural Ecology; Environmental Sustainability; Sustainable Agriculture; Alternative Energy Systems

### University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Global Environmental Management Education Center  
800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI 54491  
715-346-4935 • [www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM/program-sustainable-agriculture.shtml](http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/GEM/program-sustainable-agriculture.shtml)  
The GEM Program on Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry links communities in Wisconsin with international communities to foster sustainable agriculture and forestry through shared learning.

## Other Midwest Programs

### Farm Beginnings®

Land Stewardship Project  
612-722-6377 • [www.landstewardshipproject.org](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org)  
Farmer-led educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise

### Lake Superior Farm Beginnings

Lake Superior Sustainable Farming Association  
310 Carleton Avenue, PO Box 307, Carleton, MN 55718  
218-393-3276 • [lssf.org/Education.html](http://lssf.org/Education.html) •  
[info@lakesuperiorfarming.org](mailto:info@lakesuperiorfarming.org)

### Stateline Farm Beginnings®

Angelic Organics Learning Center  
[www.csalearningcenter.org/what/training/stateline](http://www.csalearningcenter.org/what/training/stateline)

### Central Illinois Farm Beginnings

<http://central.illinoisfarmbeginnings.org>

## Programs Outside the Midwest

For a full list of Organic & Sustainable Agricultural opportunities in the USA, visit the USDA National Agricultural Library: [www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/edtr/EDTRCollegesA.shtml#tocA](http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/edtr/EDTRCollegesA.shtml#tocA)

## Helpful Resources

### ATTRA

[www.attra.ncat.org/education.html](http://www.attra.ncat.org/education.html)

### MOSES

[www.mosesorganic.org](http://www.mosesorganic.org)  
Free resources and tools. Plan to attend our annual Organic Farming Conference in February. To find upcoming events including MOSES trainings and field days visit our web calendar: [www.mosesorganic.org/events.html](http://www.mosesorganic.org/events.html)



The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) provides education and resources to farmers to encourage organic and sustainable farming practices. To learn more, please see:

[www.mosesorganic.org](http://www.mosesorganic.org)