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A Dynamite Woman Doing Organic Farming

by Stacey Brown, WFAN mission intern

Growing up in the garden and a love of the outdoors surely helped bring Virgina Moser to where she is today. Virginia runs Moser's Wildwood Garden, a CSA in Garrison, Iowa, and sells her produce to farmer's markets. Her farm, Wildwood Acres, was the first farm in Iowa to be certified organic under the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) on April 19, 2000. Virginia was also selected to serve on the Iowa Organic Standards Board in May 2000.

Ask Virginia how she feels about all she is doing and she'll throw you a big smile and go back to working hard. Her hard work paid off when she was certified organic. The certification included a complete history of applications made to the soil within the last three years, including what seeds were planted to ensure crop rotation, and a physical examination of her farm by an IDALS organic inspector. Organic certification was something Virginia wanted to do for years. She did all the work that it takes to be organic when she was finally certified in Iowa. She was so ready to have all of that work acknowledged that being the first farm certified by IDALS took second place. In her humble nature, Virginia stated, "I really didn't think of it as such a big deal." Now she is often the only Iowa certified organic grower at her farmer's markets and people are asking for organic produce, a change from a few years ago.

Virginia's second honor of last spring came when she was selected to be on the Iowa Organic Standards Board. The purpose of the board is to review applications of farmers who have sought to be certified and to make appropriate suggestions for them to reach that goal. They also do general policing to ensure that all rules involved in organic certification are followed. This includes following up on the conduct of neighboring farms and levying fines for abuse when appropriate. The board also oversees field inspectors.

The board consists of 13 people: 6 people appointed by the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Patty Judge, 5 people appointed by Governor Vilsack, and 2

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Mission

The *Women, Food, and Agriculture Network* links and amplifies women's voices on issues of food systems, sustainable communities and environmental integrity.

Calendar

January 13, 2001: Practical Farmers of Iowa annual meeting and workshops. Ames, Iowa. Dr. Fred Kirschenmann, Director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, will be the keynote speaker. Contact Nan Bonfils at nanb@iastate.edu or 515/294-8512.

January 27, 2001: 6th Annual Iowa Local Food System Conference, "From Shoots to Roots: Exploring the Growth of Iowa's Local Food Efforts," Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City. See story at right.

February 1, 2001: Applications for North Central SARE producer grants available. Grants are to producers for research, demonstrations or education about profitable, environmentally sound, socially responsible ag systems.

February 17-18, 2001: Women's Winter Gathering for Practical Farmer's of Iowa. PrairieWoods near Cedar Rapids. The gathering will focus on food-health connections with L.T. and Ahilia Bhramdat,organic farmers from the Des Moines area. Contact Kate Hogg at 319-247-0223 or rkhogg@aol.com.

March 11-13, 2001: 20th Rural Ministry Conference, "Patchwork of Faith and Rural Culture." Dubuque, Iowa. For more information call 319-589-0273 or email ruralmin@mwci.net.

March 16-17, 2001: 12th Annual Upper Midwest Organic Farming Conference, "Organic Vision: Food for Community, Hope for the Future." University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse. To receive a conference flyer, call 715-772-6819, email lizrose@mwt.net.

April 12 -13, 2001: Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Research Symposium on Feminism and the Environment: "Globalism, Agency and Action." Toledo, Ohio. Featuring Winona LaDuke as keynote speaker. Conferenece website: http://www.womens-gender-studies.utoledo.edu/symposium.htm.

April 29, 2001: Talk by Dolores Huerta, co-founder and secretary-treasurer of the United Farm Workers of America. King Chapel, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. (See story page 3.)

6th Annual Iowa Local Food System Conference

The 6th Annual Iowa Local Food System Conference is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2001, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City (corner of First Ave. and E. Court St.). The conference theme of "From Shoots to Roots: Exploring the Growth of Iowa's Local Food Efforts" will be explored through workshops, displays, and an interactive discussion.

This conference offers a unique opportunity to check in with and become a part of this emerging, farmer-centered food system. The conference is known for its good workshop sessions, its fun inclusion of humor, drama, and music, lots of wonderful networking, and a fabulous potluck lunch!! An exhibit area will feature over 30 displays of farms and projects engaged in creating Iowa's local food system.

Organizer Jan Libbey says, "Just as it takes 'a village to raise a child', it takes all Iowans to raise up a new, local food system. This conference gives the many local food partners - from growers to eaters to organizers - a time to take stock of efforts, celebrate, and focus on needs as the work continues."

Local food efforts are growing across the state, with a number of new initiatives in eastern Iowa. The conference will highlight a number of eastern Iowa farmers and project leaders. Conference co-coordinator, Carol Hunt, works through the Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District and has been coordinator of the Johnson County Local Food Project since 1998.

Registration is $15 for the day. Lunch is by potluck - highlighting the community spirit of the conference and use of locally-grown foods. To receive a conference brochure, contact Jan Libbey at 641-495-6367 or e-mail: libland@frontiernet.net. Please leave your complete mailing address. The conference is also posted on ISU Extension's Sustainable Agriculture webpage calendar of events. Check www.extension.agronomy.iastate.edu/sustag//

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What You Can Do to Change the World

(Following are examples of what some people are doing to educate their communities and, one by one, change the world.)

Give a City-Dweller a Day on the Farm

(Following is a letter to Laura Krouse from Amy, after she helped Laura on her farm.)

Dear Laura:

Wanted to let you know that I'm really glad I got a chance to help out at your farm. I had never worked outside like that—it gave me a new perspective on food—I felt like I got a chance to enjoy an almost sacred experience with the earth and our sustenance. Maybe that sounds a little weird, but I was really affected by it. So thank you so much for the opportunity—not to mention the fabulous vegetables! I'm sorry I couldn't attend the potluck—Pizza Hut called (a very un-sacred experience with food.) Thank you again.

Amy (who works in a Pizza Hut)

Set up a Study Group in Your Church

by Judy Vopava

The Church and Society Committee of the United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon began studying farm issues in the fall of 1999. We asked two local farmers to talk to our committee about the current farming situation. Since few of our church members are farmers, we decided to address the issue from the point of view of consumers of farm products.

We decided to have a campaign to encourage members to support local food producers. In July of 2000 (with the help of Laura Krouse), we borrowed a display from the University of Northern Iowa which gave reasons to buy food locally. In addition to having this display available before and after our church service, we published information from it in our church newsletter. Then on August 20, we prepared a "Celebrate the Fruits of Summer" luncheon consisting primarily of locally grown food: maidrites made from local organic beef, barbecued turkey raised by a local family, fruits and vegetables from several local families, including from Laura's CSA farm.

The meal was a fund raiser for two of our ministries: Rural Life and Peace with Justice. Committee members donated about $100 worth of food. We raised $352, serving between 75-80 people. We had hoped to serve at least 50, so we were pleased with the size of the crowd. People raved about the quality of the food and the luncheon was a success. We also distributed brochures from the Johnson County Soil Conservation Office with names of local food producers. We feel like we successfully raised awareness about this important issue.

(Judy Vopava and her husband, Roger Johanson, are members of the Church and Society Committee of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. They have been eating local food since 1995.

Laura Krouse is a member of Women, Food, and Agriculture and has a CSA with 40 full shares involving about 60 families. Her farm is called Abbe Hills Farm CSA.)

Invite an Activist to Speak to Your Group

or, Farmworker Activist to Speak at Cornell College

Dolores Huerta, co-founder and secretary-treasurer of the United Farm Workers of America, will give a talk on Sunday, April 29, at King Chapel, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Almost 40 years after she and Cesar Chavez formed the National Farm Workers Association, Huerta continues to lobby for the rights of farm workers and women. She has spoken out against toxic pesticides that threaten farm workers, consumers, and the environment; lobbied for federal assistance and disability insurance for California farm workers; negotiated farm workers' contracts with grape growers; and led consumer boycotts.

Huerta directed the East Coast boycott of grapes, lettuce, and Gallo wines that resulted in the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, the first law of its kind in the United States, which granted farm workers the right to collectively organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions. Huerta was named by Ms. Magazine as one of three "Women of the Year" in 1998 and is recognized by Ladies' Home Journal among the "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century."

Do a Lecture Series

or, About the Lecture Series at Cornell College

The Small-Thomas Lecture Series, "Dreams of Peace: Visions of the Future," is a joint venture of Cornell College and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Mt.Vernon, Iowa. The series assists the college and the church in their shared goal of building a community where people of all cultures and religions enjoy respect and understanding necessary to support one another.

Several violent events that occurred across the United States during the 1990s can be tied to intolerance related to religious, ethnic, and gender differences. As an urban United Methodist parish and an institution of higher learning related to the United Methodist Church, St. Paul's and Cornell have an obligation to confront intolerance, encourage understanding, and shape the attitudes of civic leaders. The lecture series will help both institutions educate citizen leaders who understand the value and importance of diversity in our society.

The lecture series is funded by Richard Small, a former member of the Cornell board of trustees and a 1950 graduate, and his wife, honorary alumna and trustee, Norma Thomas Small.

Read a Book

Genetically Engineered Food: A Self-Defense Guide for Consumers, by Ronnie Cummins and Ben Lilliston, Marlowe and Company, New York.

Genetically Engineered Food is written to give practical advice on how people can reduce their everyday exposure to genetically engineered food ingredients.

Second South-North Gathering of Peoples of America

by Stacey Brown, WFAN mission intern

With my official letter signifying that I was representing WFAN, I headed for Chiapas, Mexico in October for the Second South-North Gathering of Peoples of America Building Alternatives to Neoliberalism. I went with organizers and activists from 18 Latin American countries and the United States.

The meeting had two goals: First, to develop strategies to resist the pro-profit, pro-business neoliberal policies that are destroying our communities; and second, to share ideas for building a global network of communities based on deep social, political, and ecological values. Women, Food and Agriculture Network was invited to discuss and reflect upon the impacts of neoliberal policies on our country and community.

The organizations represented at the gathering are on the front lines of grassroots organizing in their home communities. They included the Brazilian Movement of Landless Workers, the Puerto Rican Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques, the National Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador, and Jubilee South. Other U.S. representatives were from Just Act, the Center for Third World Organizing, the Southwest Network for Economic and Environmental Justice, the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, and the Southwest Organizing Project, among others.

The main elements of neoliberalism include unregulated markets, cutting public expenditure for social services, privatization, and the elimination of the concept of the public good or community. (See "What is Neo-Liberalism? A Brief Definition for Activists" by Elizabeth Martinez and Arnoldo Garcia.) These policies allow the rich to continue to grow richer while the poor become poorer in the U.S. and around the world. "Neoliberalism" is commonly used in developing countries but less so in the United States.

The three-day gathering was spent in sessions and discussions in a community house of San Felipe, a small village outside of San Cristobal, Chiapas. The delegates quickly established that the impacts of neoliberalism on their communities are not only economic, but also social and political. Most of our discussions centered on building an inclusive analysis of the issues in such a way that we could all work together while strengthening our regional networks and coalitions.

Stacey Brown speaking about the effects of neo-liberal policies on rural U.S. communities and U.S. agriculture.

While we heard and spoke with people from all over the Americas, we also spent a lot of time in regional groups clarifying regional issues and future plans. The group from the United States was among the biggest and probably the most divided. The coordinators from the U.S. were from organizations such as the Center for Economic Justice and the Globalization of Alternatives North and South (GANAS). Their perspectives and experiences differed from those U.S. delegates coming from local communities doing grassroots organizing, mostly from people of color communities.

Barbara McCloud from Olympia, Washington shares her experience in her Native American community during a meeting on gender issues.

The international-oriented groups wanted to immediately highlight the movement and protests against the WTO in Seattle and the World Bank and the IMF in Washington D.C. The grassroots delegates focused on ending criminal prosecution of women of color under welfare "reform," unmasking the institutional racism behind police brutality, and the building of local food systems. The grassroots groups, including myself from WFAN, wanted to build our analysis against neoliberalism through the true experiences in our communities and to connect those experiences with the strategies and experiences of the groups from other countries. We wanted to talk about more than the protests and more than what was happening on an international level: we needed to look at the history of organizing in the U.S. against race, class, and gender oppression and the direct effects of neoliberal policies in our communities.

We decided to focus on combining the issues of each regional group and make overlapping connections. NAFTA and the FTAA (Free Trade of the Area of the Americas), debt relief, gender, indigenous people's rights, the environment, and militarization took their place at the top of our lists of crucial issues facing all of us. We wrote a declaration and made plans to hold some regional events throughout the next year before the Third Gathering in Cuba.

I can't begin to explain all of the things I learned during this three-day meeting. WFAN must continue to be involved in this movement. We need to build the representation from agricultural and rural sectors of the U.S. Our voices must be heard.

I thank all of you for allowing me to represent you at this gathering. There is a need for local communities in the U.S. to connect to the movement against neoliberalism. We need work to build alternatives. I hope to do some follow-up work and discussion about this topic. I also thank Agricultural Missions and the United Methodist Women for giving me financial support to attend this meeting.

The San Felipe Ecatepec Declaration

(The San Felipe Ecatepec Declaration was adopted at the Second South-North Gathering of Peoples of America (story previous page). Following is an excerpt from the full document.)

After exchanging diverse experiences, analyzing the situation the Pueblos of the American Continent are living through, and articulating a plan of action, everyone present ratified the First Declaration of Washington and, in addition, DECLARED:

1) We denounce and reject the globalization of the Neo-liberal model as exclusive, undemocratic, exploitative, pillaging and genocidal, imposed on the world and in particular on our Continent.

2) Based on the reasons expressed in the previous declaration, we oppose the plans to expand the 'Free Trade Area of the Americas' (FTAA), and at the same time demand that a continent-wide referendum be carried out on that issue.

3) We condemn the so-called External Debt which continues to oppress and exploit the peoples of the South, including the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, for it is illegitimate, immoral and unjust. Therefore, we demand reparations for the grave social, cultural, economic, political and environmental damages inflicted on the people and the land as a consequence of debt payments.

4) We reject the militarization and repression of our societies and the increase in the presence of United States troops among the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. We demand the immediate withdrawal of these troops deployed throughout the continent. This national and international militarization is an instrument of coercion used to contain the groups and peoples who are organized and who oppose the implementation of neo-liberal policies.

5) We emphatically condemn the policies of structural adjustment imposed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund with the complicity of national governments which are part of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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The World Poor People's Summit to End Poverty

by Stacey Brown and Virginia Moser

We boarded the plane for New York City ready to participate in the four-day conference, World Poor Peoples Summit to End Poverty, November 15-18, 2000. It was sponsored by the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign and the International Campaign for Economic Justice and hosted by the Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWRU), headquartered in North Philadelphia. Four hundred participants, all poor people, from all 50 U.S. states and 37 countries, gathered to end poverty at the first ever conference designed to build a movement of poor people.

Poverty in urban and rural areas manifests itself differently. We work with farmers who are losing their land because they can no longer make a living growing food, and we work with farmers who grow food for alternative markets. The poor people we met in New York City struggle daily to get food to their plates because they need to eat.

We in the rural areas produce the food while many people don't have a choice about what they eat and where it comes from. We produce organically, and poor people can't afford to pay for food. Their issues may seem totally different from ours, but the result is the same. We all are poor.

Throughout the four days, we went to workshops on gender, sexism, and poverty; art, music, and culture; and organizing, globalization and poverty. Virginia and I were on a panel in the Human Right to Food workshop. We shared our work in building a just food system. We listened to people speak from the Landless Peasant Movement in Brazil, the Deaf and Blind Organization for Human Rights from Pennsylvania, the Gandhian Peace Foundation in India, the Coconut Farmworkers Organization in the Philippines, and the UNC Housekeepers Union in North Carolina.

A cycle keeps people in poverty. Farmers cannot get a fair price for their food and many people cannot afford to pay that fair price. Poor people are rising up and demanding their rights as human beings. This conference was unlike other conferences because the attendees were poor people working for poor people. Cheri Honkala, a formerly homeless mother, who is now director of KWRU, said, "We thought it important that we bring together people that are actually living in poverty, not because we think it's a nice thing to do, but because we think there's a strategic importance."

Virginia and I hope that we can take what we learned and make a better world for all people. Relationships need to be formed between the urban poor and the rural poor. Our invitation and presence in New York City was only the first step.

The theme song for the Summit went like this, "Well I went down to the rich man's house, and I took back what he stole from me. I took back my dignity and I took back my humanity."

When we go there together, we will have a much better chance at taking back what is ours.

The San Felipe Ecatepec Declaration (continued)

6) We declare ourselves against the exploitation, exclusion and the violation of the human rights of women and others who suffer discrimination in the same form and to the same degree.

7) We reject the marginalization and structural violence which, for more than 508 years, has been imposed against the indigenous peoples of the Continent as well as against other peoples brought from other parts of the world and who have suffered the same consequences.

8) We denounce the abuses committed by authorities of the Mexican National Institute of Migration against 3 indigenous people participating in our exchange (2 Colombians and 1 Ecuadorian). Enough of racist acts!

If you would like to view the entire Declaration, please contact, Stacey Brown at neha_stacey@hotmail.com.

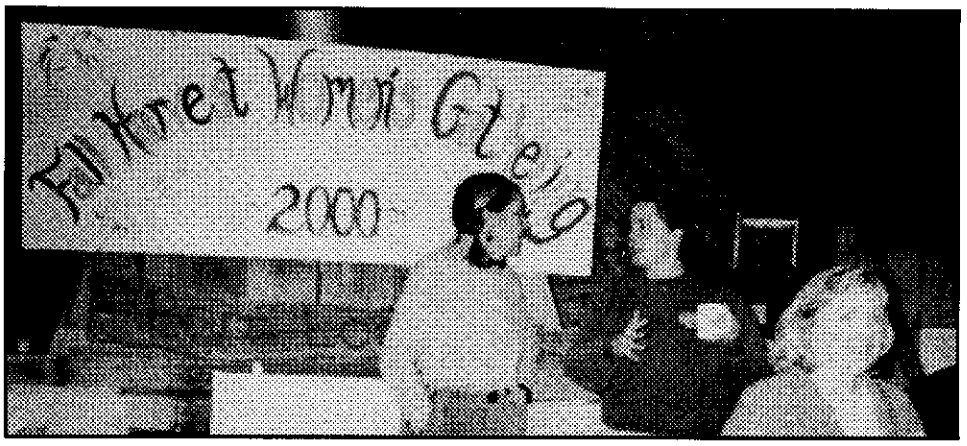
2000 Women's Harvest Gathering Held in Minnesota

by Denise OBrien

We all met together on November 10 – 12th at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, Minnesota, a wonderful small church camp set in the woods of southeastern Minnesota. The gathering was sponsored by Women, Food and Agriculture Network, Women in Sustainable Agriculture Minnesota and the Wisconsin Women's Sustainable Farming Network. Stacey Brown, Mission Intern assigned to WFAN, was the gathering's coordinator.

The format of the gathering was one of information sharing, networking and relationship building. Chain saw safety and use was a highly popular workshop that was expertly taught by Melissa Peteler, from Minnesota. Other workshops ranged from prairie restoration (by our own Danielle Wirth) to a dairy panel on milking cows and goats. Audrey Arner, from the Land Stewardship Project, was the keynote speaker addressing what we, as women, have harvested through our experiences in these networks and in sustainable agriculture. She encouraged us to "assume a position of committed love, to stay focused on the vision, no matter what others say."

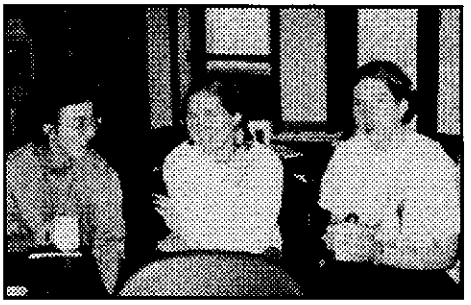
The staff at the Good Earth Village worked with Linda Nash and Grown Locally to prepare a fine fare of meals from producers in northeast Iowa. Great Harvest Bakery in Des Moines donated sumptuous bread, CROPP (Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool) donated dairy products. We enjoyed goat cheese from Dancing Winds Farm in Minnesota, and coffee from Peace Coffee in Minneapolis.



The 2000 Fall Harvest Women's Gathering builds community and networks among women from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin

Particularly nice for me was walking through the beautiful woods on Saturday after lunch with new found friends and old ones. As we walked, a flock of wild turkeys scattered before us. When we got to a gently flowing brook, I looked up and saw a bald eagle circling above us. It was all so restful!

Funding from the Leopold Center, the North Central Region SARE, and The Humane Society of the United States allowed the committee to present a very well run and substantive gathering that will remain in my mind as a wonderful weekend. Rumor has it that there will be one next year. Let's hope so!



Students from Grinnell College take a moment inbetween conference activities.

The Humane Society Works for Humane Treatment of Farm Animals

by Amy Suarez

The Humane Society of the United States is the largest animal protection organization in the U.S. Many people know us for our concerns about animals and wildlife, but few people recognize our efforts on behalf of the humane treatment of farm animals. We acknowledge that animals are raised for food and support small-scale and community-based family farmers who use humane sustainable farming methods.

We advocate the humane treatment of farm animals and are working hard to ensure that the organic standards that are currently being reviewed by the USDA stipulate that animals under the organic label will have been raised with access to the outdoors and free of unnecessary drugs including growth hormones.

We are against factory farms that treat animals by keeping them in cramped spaces without fresh air, proper diet, and social activities. Keeping layer chickens cramped in tiny battery cages, sows in crates where they cannot turn around, and cattle in feedlots are inappropriate ways to raise farm animals.

The HSUS also believes that factory farms are not good for rural communities and the environment.

Consumers have the power to support farmers who contribute to the well-being of their community, do not pollute the environment, and treat animals humanely. Local food projects such as farmers' markets, community support agriculture programs, and direct farmer marketing to community hospitals, schools, and food stores are sweeping the U.S. today.

(Amy Suarez is the Regional Director of the Midwest Regional Office of the Humane Society of the United States and a member of WFAN.)

A Dynamite Woman

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program staff from IDALS. The appointees are producers, processors, handlers, and educators. The members are appointed to staggered four-year terms. According to Virginia, the board will always be promoting organics in the state of Iowa. So far, this has been a slow process, but in the last few years the numbers have increased significantly. With her strong optimism, Virginia hopes to see those numbers double in the next 5-6 years. Another issue area Virginia would like to see the board help on is marketing.

Virginia had the vision of chemical free agriculture from the time she started her garden. She grew up on a farm and sees some connection between her allergies and her father's poor health and the chemicals that were sprayed on the crops. She stated, "I think that we are better off without chemicals. I really do like the idea of gardening and the way we are doing it, even if we do have tons of weeds."

The ability to feed people instead of animals and to give people good food drives Virginia and her successful organic garden. As a member of Women, Food & Agriculture Network, she recognizes the important role that women play in building a sustainable food system. She is excited about the increasing opportunities for organic agriculture in Iowa, and, with her smile, she will continue to work to make her dreams come true.

A Personal Note from Virginia Moser

I am Virginia Moser - ex-conventional farmer. I come from the school of hard knocks. I and my husband are left-overs from the Farm Crisis of the 80's. It sounds like that happened eons ago. Strange how it seems like yesterday! We lost only 70 acres, but we also lost the privilege to farm. By having a job in town and my husband driving "over the road", we became "once removed" from the farming issues.

Ten years later being thrown back into the middle of things, I found the same issues were being discussed. In 10 years basically nothing has happened in favor of the mainstream farmers, but we do have alternatives in place that we didn't have then.

In my estimation, all farmers are going to be forced (for lack of a better word) into being part of "niche marketing" of some sort in order to prevail. Farming as we know it has changed drastically, not because of choice, but because of survival. This is a good thing. It allows change and gives us time to regroup.

For years, we were told how many people we were feeding in the world. I could never see how, because we were raising field corn and soybeans. I now have a CSA and I am really feeding people! The farmers need to look back farther than father and grandfather. They need to look to great and great-great grandfather.

I do whatever I can just so it doesn't involve the Chicago Board of Trade. We grow 10+ acres of organic vegetables and still I'm fighting the powers that be. I really have three strikes to begin with - God forbid I'm growing vegetables, I'm organic, and third I'm a woman. But if I had run every time someone said "Boo", I would have left a long time ago. People need to know how to survive. Most couldn't even feed themselves. That's scary. Thank you for your time. I'm pretty passionate about this.

Resources

Nutrient Management Website

To learn more about the issues surrounding crop, lawn, and garden nutrient uses and their possible environmental effects and potential regulation, go to the website called NPKnowledge, located at http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/NPKnowledge.

Endangered Plant Information

The endangered species county maps for the federally protected threatened or endangered plants are now on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship website at http://www2.state.ia.us/agriculture/endanger_species1.htm.

Climate Predictions

The website of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center includes 6 to 10-day and seasonal forecasts; seasonal drought, excessive heat, and hurricane season outlooks. The site also features expert analysis, temperature and precipitation monitoring data, U.S. and world temperature and precipitation climate maps and graphs, and educational materials. View the site at http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov.

Renewable Energy and Agriculture Brochures

The Union of Concerned Scientists has developed a series of four pamphlets on renewable energy and agriculture. The brochures give farmers and clean energy advocates background information on renewable energy technologies and the rural economic develop opportunities they could create. View the brochures at http://www.ucsusa.org/energy/gd_reandag.html.

Books

Changing the Way America Farms: Knowledge and Community in the Sustainable Agriculture Movement by Neva Hassanein

Discusses how alternative farmers develop and exchange personal, local knowledge as a basis for moving toward an ecologically sound, economically viable and socially just agricultural system. Contact University of Nebraska Press, 233 North 8th Street, Lincoln, NE 68588-0255; tel.: 402-472-3584; email: pressmail@unl.edu; website: http://www.nebraskapress.unl.edu.

The Organic Traveler's Guide by Patricia Dines

Comprehensive guide to Northern California's organic food, wine, nurseries, retreats, and educational opportunities. Features information about organics, school and community gardens, seasonal foods, specific actions to take to support local organic agriculture. Order from Community Action Publications, 108 Petaluma Avenue, Suite 111-P, Sebastopol, CA 95472; tel.: 707-829-2999; email: Pdines@compuserve.com; website: http://www.monitor.net/~cap.

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