Resources on Pest Management for Organic Growers

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General Information Resources on Organic Farming

Northeast Organic Farming Association. Offers conferences, farm tours, and publications. [www.nofa.org](http://www.nofa.org). Connecticut state chapter is: [www.ctnofa.org](http://www.ctnofa.org) or 1-203-888-5146. There are also state chapters in NY, NJ, MA, RI, VT, and NH. There is a parallel organization in Maine – the Maine Organic Farming and Gardening Association (MOFGA).

Rodale Institute. Leaders in providing information on organic farming and gardening for over 60 years. The New Farm is the online publication directed to growers: [http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new_farm](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new_farm) or 610-683-1400.

ATTRA. National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. Compiler and distributor of many documents on organic agriculture, from the most general (overview of organic production) to very specific information on particular crops and pests. [http://attra.ncat.org/organic.html](http://attra.ncat.org/organic.html) or 1-800-346-9140

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NE SARE). While the SARE program is not exclusively organic, it has funded much of the research and education on organic farming in our region. [http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/](http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/) or 1-802-656-0471.


U.S. Department of Agriculture. National Organic Program. This program sets the National Organic Standards and accredits certifying organizations that take applications, inspect, and certify organic farms. This website also has statistics on organic farming across the country. [http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/utp/s7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=ORGANIC_CERTIFICATION&parentnav=AGRICULTURE&navtype=RT](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/utp/s7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=ORGANIC_CERTIFICATION&parentnav=AGRICULTURE&navtype=RT)


Organic Farming Research Foundation.  Publishes results of research in organic agriculture funded through their granting program.  [http://ofrf.org](http://ofrf.org)


**Useful Pest Identification Guides**


American Phytopathological Society Press.  Has a variety of handbooks for particular vegetable crops.  Most comprehensive, but also expensive:


Pest Alerts, Forecasting and Other Current Information on Pests During the Season


University of Massachusetts Vegetable Notes. Published weekly during the growing season. http://www.umassvegetable.org/newsletters/current_news.html

Pestwatch. Tracking trap catches of pests of sweet corn (and eventually other crops) based at Penn State, but drawing on regional data. http://www.pestwatch.psu.edu/


IPM Field Guides, Scouting Guides and Recommendations (often include conventional chemical controls, in addition to information useful to organic growers)


Listing of IPM field guides and recommendations for all the states in the Northeast: http://neipmc.org/ipm_fieldguide.cfm

Organic Soil Management, Cover Crops, and Crop Rotation

Sustainable Soil Management. ATTRA. http://www.attra.org/attra-pub/soilmgmt.html


General Information Resources on Organic Pest Management


ATTRA. Searchable database on biorational materials for ecological pest management. Enter the type and name of the pest, and the database tells you what is registered and whether it is OMRI listed. Not everything that is registered or OMRI listed is effective. http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/biorationals/biorationals_main_srch.php. Also, there is a list of many ATTRA fact sheets on pest management here: http://www.attra.org/pest.html


Organic Weed Management


Organic Management of Insects and Other Arthropods


Farmscaping to Enhance Biological Control. ATTRA. Available to download. www.attra.org


Organic Management of Plant Pathogens


Tables of Disease Resistant Varieties of Vegetable Crops. 30 Crops currently listed. http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/Tables/TableList.htm

Organic Management of Other Pests (Mammals, Birds, Snails & Slugs)

Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management. http://icwdm.org/