Announcement: 2005 Advanced Training in Organic Crop Production
With an emphasis on vegetable production

For Agricultural Service Providers: State and USDA Agency, Extension, Non-Profit and Private
Crop Advisors from throughout the Northeast

- Do you want to give good advice to organic farmers?
- Do you want to conduct meaningful research in organic farming?
- Do you want to improve your understanding of organic farm management including
  marketing and certification requirements?
- Do you want to get on-farm experience at outstanding organic operations and participate
  in in-depth discussions with the farmers?
- Do you want to know what resources are available to help you work with organic
  farmers?

Then this intensive training is for you!

Three separate multi-day sessions (starting and ending at noon) will cover a wide range of
organic production and management topics for vegetable production. The sessions will be held
Maine respectively. All travel, meals, and lodging expenses and materials will be covered. Note
that a day of travel is included in the above dates.

Applicants must commit to attend all three sessions, which will be taught by leading organic
systems researchers, experienced farmer-educators and extension staff. Each session's classroom
work and on-farm activities will be complemented by additional online discussions and extensive
printed resource materials, including case studies.

Session 1  Overview of Organic Systems
The history of the organic approach; Organic Certification/National Organic Program; The
organic farm plan; Transition to organic production; Organic markets and farm management;
Yields

Session 2  Pest Management
Weed management and cultivation tools; Organic insect and disease management; Approved
materials; Crop rotation

Session 3  Soil Management
Soil quality assessment; Managing soil organic matter; Organic fertility sources; Nutrient
budgets; Rotation planning

Requirements: an interest in organic agriculture, knowledge of its basic concepts and practices,
and some experience working with organic farmers. The training class will be limited to 20.
Once accepted, there will be a $100 fee to hold your place.

Detailed program information and application forms are at: http://www.neon.cornell.edu/training
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