

Additional Resources for Growers interested in Agro-forestry, Transitioning to Organic Orchard:

The following are a few sites, publications, and links that we have found useful in our exploration and transition to agroforestry/organic orchard practices. This is not a comprehensive list.

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Where to get more information?

Aronia Festival on Saturday & Sunday, Sept 19 & 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Sawmill Hollow Organic Farm, 2159 Kennedy Avenue, north of Missouri Valley, Iowa. <http://sawmillhollow.com/our-story/>

Aronia consultations by telephone or on-site are offered for a fee by Eldon Everhart, everhart@iastate.edu

Agroforestry/Organic Orchard Resources General:

1. Agroforestry Research Trust in the United Kingdom. They put out a great journal publication on Agroforestry. You can find information on their research, cultivars, services and publications on their website: <http://www.agroforestry.co.uk/>

2. *Agroforestry and the Family Farm: 'A Farm is a Place to Live'*

Annual report from the University of Missouri, Center for Agroforestry. In addition, the Center has other publications, tools, and contacts linking agroforestry research and practical applications for growers throughout the U.S. The above publication and other information can be found at : www.centerforagroforestry.org

Other Grower Networks, Resources:

1. Appropriate Technology Transfer to Rural Areas – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service www.attra.org

Free in-depth publications on production practices, alternative crop and livestock enterprises, innovative marketing, organic certification, and highlights of local, regional, USDA and other federal sustainable ag activities. Also have weekly list serve for updates on funding, policies, events, and initiatives in sustainable agriculture.

2. Midwest Organic Tree Fruit Grower Network: <http://www.mosesorganic.org/treefruit/intro.htm>

Grower information sharing and encourage research to improve the organic production and marketing of tree fruit in the Midwest, and to represent the interests of growers engaged in such. There are also fact sheets available for download including resources on where to find organic suppliers, consultants, certifying agents, and planning the organic orchard. The network also provides a quarterly newsletter, field days, an electronic list-serv and website. I am on several grower list serves and this one is by far one of the most active, informative, and engaging.

3. Midwest Permaculture: Permaculture and Transition Town initiatives, courses, networks, and

information: <http://midwestpermaculture.ning.com/>

4. Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Services (MOSES):<http://www.mosesorganic.org/>

Hosts annual organic farming conference, provides grower resources for transitioning and organic certification services, grower to grower mentoring, land link-up. Great organization!

5. Aronia Berry List Serve:

<https://lists.wisc.edu/read/?forum=aronia-network>

A grower to grower list serve network dedicated to expanding the practical wisdom of growing and marketing aronia berry in the Upper Midwest.

6. Center for Integrated Agricultural Research – University Wisconsin, Madison.

<http://www.cias.wisc.edu/>

Great resource for beginning market fruit and vegetable growers as well as applied research connections in sustainable agriculture. They also have an Eco-Fruit project which includes a Berry Blog (fruit growers primarily in WI, IA, MI, and MN contribute) and downloadable publications on growing and marketing fruits.

7. Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture: www.leopold.iastate.edu

Lots of great research, grant, and sustainable ag network information. Also one of the more user friendly and accessible online production calculator, for use in budget planning. Additionally the Center is doing pioneering work in developing communities of practice in sustainable agriculture. A great example of this model and partnership is the Value Chain Partnerships, an Iowa Based Network for Food and Agriculture Working Groups. (www.valuechains.org).

8. Women Food and Agriculture Network:

http://www.wfan.org/Women,_Food_and_Agriculture_Network_Home.html