

National Organic Agriculture DIRECTORY

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The National Organic Agriculture Expertise Directory was first published by Iowa State University in 2005 and was based on surveys sent to the Land-Grant University (LGU) in each state to determine the number of researchers and extension staff working in organic agriculture. Prior to the late 1990s, organic and transitioning farmers primarily relied on informal networks of producers and processors to obtain organic information, but since that time, LGUs have increased their support for faculty and staff resources to address organic farmers' research and educational needs. At the time of the first directory, United States' sales of organic products were \$13 billion, continuing a 20% annual growth rate and 42 states reported at least one individual working in organic research or extension. There were 2.3 million acres in organic production in the US in 2001, increasing to 5.5-million acres in 2019. In Iowa alone, reported production for all organic crops increased from 9,000 acres in 1995 to 134,000 in 2019, with organic sales worth \$145 million.

Demand for organic products has continued unabated since 2005, with a record \$55 billion in organic sales in 2020. Driving consumer demand in organic foods and fiber is a strong interest in products with lower pesticide residues. Certified organic production is governed by a set of rules put in place through the 1990 Organic Foods Production Act. Standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-National Organic Program require a three-year transition period from conventional to a certified organic designation. Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are avoided in organic production during and after transition, and instead, organic farmers rely on natural substances, such as composted manure and biological controls for pest management. New incentives exist to transition land into certified organic production, including cost-sharing and direct payments for conservation practices, such as longer crop rotations, from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Organic Initiative programs, along with private companies' offering payments for carbon credits. The greater number of faculty and staff working in organic ag in 2021, as evidenced in this directory, reflects the growing demand from producers interested in organic practices and the environmental solutions organic farming can offer.

When surveys were returned in late 2020, 123 LGU individuals from all 50 states self-identified as working in organic ag research and extension. Of those who replied, 72 reported working in extension, which is a promising number, demonstrating the emphasis on disseminating research results to producers and processors who need this information. In order of reporting, organic vegetables research topped the list, followed by organic grains, and soils research. Forty-nine other topics were listed, including animal science, food safety, economics, pest management and fruit crops. Despite the importance of livestock in organic systems, only 13 people identified working in organic livestock systems. In addition to LGU and USDA administrators using this directory, it is hoped that stakeholders and scientists across the US will be able to locate researchers and extension staff working on similar topics to enable future cooperative work and discussions.

This directory will be both printed and online through the [ISU Organic Agriculture Program website](https://www.extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag) at [extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag](https://www.extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag). To update your information or add additional organic expertise in your state, contact: Kathleen Delate, Iowa State University, Organic Agriculture Program, 106 Horticulture Hall, Ames, Iowa 50011, [email](mailto:kdelate@iastate.edu) kdelate@iastate.edu.



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- Organic pest management
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- Temperature optimization in controlled environments, and improved production techniques for greenhouses and indoor farms
- Research focuses on improving controlled environment agriculture in the southeast

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- Beginning farmer training for organic and sustainable specialty crop producers

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- Invasive species
- Sustainable agriculture
- Compost teas
- Biochar
- Organic soil amendments
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Area of Expertise:

- Organic tree fruit production
- Organic grape (wine and table) production
- Collaborative on-farm research projects
- Collaboration with locally directed agricultural education
- Research demonstration plantings
- Research station demonstration plantings
- Participation in the international NC-140 rootstock trials

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Area of Expertise:

- Horticulture
- Vegetables
- Cropping Systems
- Organic
- Teaching
- Specialty Crops
- The Specialty Crops Program (SCP) evaluates modern organic inputs and approaches to organic growers for use in their management systems, empowers producers throughout Colorado by supplying them with science-based information to inspire innovation, competitiveness, success, and collaborates with researchers both in Colorado and nationally to address the needs of specialty crop producers

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic vegetable production
- Organic vegetable pest management
- Conduct research, education, and outreach in the area of vegetable production and pest management

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- Cover Crops

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- Precision agriculture
- Cover crops or manure as a nutrient source

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Area of Expertise:

- Weed biology and ecology
- Integrated pest management
- Cover crops for weed management
- Herbicide-resistant weeds
- Herbicide evaluation
- Research has focused on agronomic and commercial vegetable crops important to the mid-Atlantic region

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Area of Expertise:

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- Recommendations for growers on prevention of fruit and vegetable diseases using organic-compatible and sustainable practices
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Area of Expertise:

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- Fertility Management: organic inputs
- Pest and Disease Management: organic pesticides, cultural control, and mating disruption
- Organic raspberry bramble management
- Organic certification: crop and handling scopes
- Heritage apple production: currently growing 68 varieties
- Home orchard education: master gardeners and community horticulture clubs
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Area of Expertise:

- Soil microbial ecology
- Organic nutrient management
- Biological control of plant and human pathogens
- Bioavailability of heavy metals in soil and movement within plants
- Vegetable varietal development
- Nutritional quality of produce
- Lead PI of the multidisciplinary tomato organic management and improvement project (TOMI)
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Area of Expertise:

- Protected environment vegetable production
- Integrated pest management
- Biological controls
- Best practices for biological control in vegetable production
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Area of Expertise:

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic farming with a focus on crop rotations, organic no-till, varietal response, and integrated crop-livestock systems to improve soil quality and economic returns
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Area of Expertise:

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Area of Expertise:

- Food microbiologist focused on natural interventions of food safety concerns from farm through retail environment
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- Lead Trainer for Produce Safety Alliance Grower Course, Food Safety Modernization Act Preventive Control Human and Animal Food Courses, Good Agricultural Practices, and Good Manufacturing Practices

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Area of Expertise:

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- Do-It-Yourself soil health measurements
- Engaging farmers and soil enthusiasts in community science

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- Organic pest management, particularly weed control
- Organic education and training, farming apprenticeships
- CSA economics
- Food safety

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic soil management: soil quality, compost).
- Organic crop production: transplants, field, season extension/high tunnels
- Organic vegetables and herbs: gardening and commercial
- Organic education and training: curriculum, demonstration, mentor, beginning farmer, farmer-to-farmer networks
- Small-scale production of organic fruits and vegetables for demonstration and student training

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Area of Expertise:

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- Organic vegetable production

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Area of Expertise:

- Small grains
- Soil health
- Soil fertility
- Climate change
- Research and outreach programs focuses on grain, pulse, and oilseed production for local food and beverage markets; use of organic amendments like manure, compost, and green manures for crop fertility

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic crop production: conservation tillage, habitat manipulation
- Organic vegetables: peppers, eggplant, sweetcorn, beans, broccoli, summer squash
- Organic agronomic crops: field corn, soybean
- Organic pest management: conservation biological control, ecological pest management, intercropping, cover crops, insectary plants, cultural control
- Hooks' research program is multidisciplinary and involves the use of conservation tillage (e.g., no-till, strip-till) and habitat diversification to influence above (arthropods, weeds) and below ground organisms (free-living nematodes)

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Area of Expertise:

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- Soil nutrient cycling
- Legume cover crops
- Rhizobia ecology
- Biological nitrogen fixation
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Area of Expertise:

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- Organic calf rearing systems
- Alternative strategies for health issues in organic dairy cattle
- Forages and grazing
- Integration of cover crops and livestock
- Genetics for organic dairy herds
- Renewable energy for farms

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Area of Expertise:

- Vegetable crops
- Supports vegetable farmers across Minnesota through technical assistance, applied research, and outreach
- Works in areas of soil health, integrated pest management, and climate change adaptation

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Area of Expertise:

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- Consumer preferences
- Food supply chains
- Food systems
- Involved in an interdisciplinary, multi-regional study on cover-cropping in organic high-tunnels estimating values farmers place on soil health improvements

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Area of Expertise:

- Sustainable and organic agriculture
- Local food systems
- Case studies
- MISA oversees the Student Organic Farm at the U of MN, which is certified organic and is just under six acres; program offers use of the SOF to U faculty, staff, and students to conduct research on certified land

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Area of Expertise:

- Fruit crop production
- The majority of Minnesota specialty fruit crop producers report using organic practices; research has an organic focus and/or includes organic farmer collaborators

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Area of Expertise:

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- Projects on organic land feeding pigs and poultry using organic and/or non-GMO feeds

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic horticultural food systems
- Insect Pest Management
- Vegetable crop management systems
- Controlled environment agriculture
- Urban agriculture
- Research program investigates plant-insect interactions and biological and environmental strategies to improve the production of organic vegetables and fruit

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic row crops
- Researching grazing cover crops and weed control in organic no-till

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- Organic hemp grain production

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- Fostering sustainable horticulture practices within the green industry and for the general public
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- Buckwheat
- Cover crops
- Organic agriculture
- Reproductive development
- Research focus is in the mechanism whereby cover crops can overcome limitations in soil quality contributing to weed management in vegetable production systems

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Area of Expertise:

- Weed management
- Stacked cultivation
- Works with growers, extension educators, industry leaders, researchers to address knowledge gaps in weed IPM
- Develops programming to improve adoption of effective weed management practices covering all agricultural crops throughout New York
- Studies organic weed management for specialty horticultural crops

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- Agroecology
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- Research includes studies of soil nutrient cycling processes in agroecosystems at scales ranging from the rhizosphere to farm and watershed scales
- Investigates mechanisms within the plant-soil-microbial continuum that control ecosystem processes such as energy flows and nutrient cycling
- Educational activities are aimed at farmers who rely on green manures as nitrogen sources or interested in using cover crops in farming systems

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Area of Expertise:

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Area of Expertise:

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- Season extension
- Organic agriculture

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Area of Expertise:

- Extension vegetable specialist
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- Specializes in management of onions and cool weather crops such as cabbage and broccoli
- Swede midge management in organic systems
- Productive and responsive approach emphasizes applied research and innovation

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Area of Expertise:

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- Research focused on selection approaches for vegetable improvement

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Area of Expertise:

- Plant pathology
- Research/extension program goal is to improve the management of important diseases of vegetable crops grown on Long Island with both conventional and organic production systems
- Studies the efficacy of OMRI-listed fungicides in selected vegetable crops

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Area of Expertise:

- Insect management
- Research program focuses on understanding the biology and ecology of insects that attack and/or spread viruses to vegetable crops
- Studies the efficacy of OMRI-listed insecticides in selected vegetable crops

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Area of Expertise:

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Area of Expertise:

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- Provides reliable information to vegetable growers and industry stakeholders in New York encouraging adoption of durable management strategies and tactics for the control of soilborne diseases
- Studies the efficacy of OMRI-listed fungicides in selected vegetable crops

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Area of Expertise:

- Conventional and organic berry/small fruit production
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Area of Expertise:

- Organic soil management: nutrient mineralization, soil organic matter, soil quality
- Organic vegetable production: brassicas, cucurbits, peppers, tomatoes, beets
- Organic strawberry production
- Organic production education and training: curricula, demonstration, mentoring, farmer to farmer networks
- Organic cover cropping strategies
- Small-scale organic systems management
- Research focused on advancing reduced tillage strategies (e.g. no-till, striptill, zone tillage) for different scales of organic vegetable production, and exploring how tarping with opaque materials can advance no-till systems for organic vegetables

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Area of Expertise:

- Organic weed management for field crops
- Cover crops
- Reduced tillage
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- Agroecology
- Research aims to increase cropping system sustainability through ecological intensification
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- Maintains and updates IPM resources for organic vegetable growers
- Conducts applied research on organic pest management practices (currently an organic squash systems trial)

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Area of Expertise:

- Plant pathology
- Developing improved management strategies for vegetable diseases by increasing our understanding of pathogen biology and diversity under field conditions providing growers with novel disease management options
- Studies the efficacy of OMRI-listed fungicides in selected vegetable crops

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- medicinal herbs, ginseng
- Organic pest management: cultural controls,
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- Organic education and training: on-farm research, demonstration, replicated studies on university research stations, agent and grower training, conferences
- Organic economics/marketing: agritourism, alternative enterprises
- New crop development with medicinal herbs and organic vegetable emphasis

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Area of Expertise:

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- Crop rotation strategies
- Organic farming
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Area of Expertise:

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