

Organizations & Communities

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RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS	WHAT YOU GET
Agritecture https://www.agritecture.com	The consultancy and media hub for urban and vertical farming: blog, industry census, and farm-planning software.	Sharp commercial analysis of what pencils out indoors and what does not.
American Beekeeping Federation https://abfnet.org	The eighty-year-old federation for all beekeepers: conference, webinars, and mentorship for sideliners and hobbyists.	The national bee community, from two hives to two thousand.
American Community Gardening Association https://www.communitygarden.org	The binational community-gardening nonprofit since 1978: garden-organizing toolkits, insurance guidance, and an annual conference.	How to start and keep a community garden without learning every lesson the hard way.
American Dairy Goat Association https://adga.org	The national dairy goat registry: herd registration, DHI milk testing, and shows.	Papers and production records for the dairy goat herd.
American Farmland Trust https://farmland.org	No Farms No Food: the farmland protection nonprofit, with the Farmland Information Center and land-access resources.	Help thinking about land access, easements, and keeping farms farms.
American Honey Producers Association https://www.ahpanet.com	The association of commercial honey producers: market advocacy and pricing intelligence.	What honey is actually worth and who is fighting for that price.
American Horticultural Society https://ahsgardening.org	The member gardening society since 1922: The American Gardener magazine and reciprocal garden admissions.	The genteel wing of American horticulture, with a good magazine.
American Mushroom Institute https://www.americanmushroom.org	The trade association of US mushroom growers since 1955: growing practices and Mushroom News.	The commercial mushroom industry's home base.
American Pastured Poultry Producers Association https://appa.org	The nonprofit for poultry raised on pasture: the Grit newsletter, processing and marketing know-how, and pastured standards.	Everything the pastured-poultry model has learned, from people doing it for a living.
American Public Gardens Association https://www.publicgardens.org	The association of botanic gardens and arboreta: partnership and education resources.	The demonstration-garden world, useful for education partnerships.
American Rabbit Breeders Association https://arba.net	The national rabbit breeder registry and association: breed standards and a local club network.	The rabbit world's registry and its people.
AmericanHort https://americanhort.org	The largest US nursery, greenhouse, and garden-retail trade association, home of the Cultivate conference every July.	The horticulture industry's big tent and its biggest annual show.
Aquaponics Association https://aquaponicsassociation.org	The nonprofit for aquaponic growers of all sizes: video library, community forum, and an annual conference.	The fish-and-plants community, from backyard to commercial.
Association for Vertical Farming https://vertical-farming.net	The global nonprofit for the indoor and vertical farming industry: network, summits, and education on vertical systems.	The international vertical-farming community in one place.

Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers https://www.ascfg.org	The association for local cut-flower farmers: variety trials, grower forums, and The Cut Flower Quarterly.	The flower-farming community and its trial data, if blooms are your crop.
ATTRA / NCAT https://attra.ncat.org	The USDA-funded sustainable agriculture information service: hundreds of practical publications, a national farm internship board, and a hotline with a human on it (1-800-346-9140).	The single best free reference shelf in sustainable agriculture, plus someone to call.
ATTRA Internship Board https://attra.ncat.org/internships/	The national sustainable-farm internship and apprenticeship listing service.	Find on-farm training, or post your farm and find help that wants to learn.
CEA Alliance https://ceaalliance.com	The trade association of US vertical farms and high-tech greenhouse produce growers: best practices and food safety guidance for indoor produce.	The industry's own playbook for growing food indoors safely and at scale.
Center for Rural Affairs https://www.cfra.org	Great Plains rural advocacy nonprofit with strong beginning-farmer programs: Land Link matching and lending guides.	Beginning-farmer policy help and a matchmaking service for land.
CGIAR https://www.cgiar.org	The global network of fifteen agricultural research centers, with open-access crop research and the genebanks behind rice, maize, and potato.	The deepest open crop science on earth.
Community Alliance with Family Farmers https://caff.org	California family-farm advocacy and technical assistance: climate-smart and food-safety guides that travel well beyond the state.	Small-farm technical help written for real small farms.
CSA Innovation Network https://www.csainnovationnetwork.org	The national community strengthening the CSA movement: best practices, marketing materials, and a peer network.	How the best CSAs run theirs, shared freely.
Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship https://www.dga-national.org	The first formal Department of Labor registered farming apprenticeship in the country: a paid two-year path to managing a grazing dairy.	A real trade apprenticeship, in dairy grazing, with a paycheck.
eOrganic https://eorganic.org	The national online organic agriculture community of practice: peer-reviewed articles, a webinar archive, and a video library.	University-vetted organic answers, the counterpart to ATTRA.
Experimental Farm Network https://www.experimentalfarmnetwork.org	A volunteer participatory plant-breeding network: join real breeding projects from a backyard plot.	A seat in actual crop breeding, no degree required.
FAO https://www.fao.org	The UN's food and agriculture agency: FAOSTAT data for every country, crop production guides, and the canonical irrigation references.	The global picture, and reference works like FAO-56 that the whole field builds on.
Farm Aid https://www.farmaid.org	The farmer-support nonprofit behind the concert: a crisis hotline (1-800-FARM-AID) and a farmer resource network.	A number to call when things get hard, and people who have helped farmers through it since 1985.
Farmer Veteran Coalition https://farmvetco.org	The nonprofit helping military veterans enter agriculture: a fellowship fund for equipment grants and the Homegrown by Heroes label.	If you served, a community and small equipment grants to get you farming.
Farmers Market Coalition https://farmersmarketcoalition.org	The national nonprofit supporting farmers markets: manager toolkits, SNAP and EBT guidance, and metrics tools.	Everything a market vendor or market manager needs to run the thing right.
Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research https://foundationfar.org	The congressionally created nonprofit funding public-private agricultural research.	A window on where ag research money is flowing next.
Greenhorns https://greenhorns.org	The grassroots cultural organization for young agrarians: the New Farmer's Almanac, a huge free resource list, and radio.	Culture and connection for the new-farmer movement, and one of the best link lists in agriculture.

Herb Society of America https://www.herbsociety.org	The herb education society: growing guides and plant profiles.	Herb knowledge with history behind it.
IFOAM Organics International https://www.ifoam.bio	The global umbrella for the organic movement: principles and world organic statistics.	Organic as a worldwide movement, with the numbers to show it.
Kiss the Ground https://kisstheground.com	The media nonprofit that made regenerative agriculture a household phrase: stewardship courses and storytelling resources.	The gentle on-ramp to regenerative thinking, good for explaining it to your customers too.
Land For Good https://landforgood.org	The land-access nonprofit for farm seekers and retiring farmers, New England based, with planning tools used far beyond it.	Free land-access planning tools and advising for getting on, or passing on, a farm.
LocalHarvest https://www.localharvest.org	The longest-running national directory of small farms, CSAs, and markets, beloved for decades.	A free farm listing that customers actually find.
Marbleseed https://marbleseed.org	Midwest organic education nonprofit, formerly MOSES, running the largest organic farming conference in the country plus an Organic Answer Line.	Fact sheets, New Farmer U, and the big La Crosse conference every winter.
NAFDMA https://nafdma.com	The agritourism and farm direct-marketing association: u-pick, farm stores, and event business education.	How farms turn visitors into revenue, taught by farms that do.
National Agricultural Library https://www.nal.usda.gov	One of the largest agricultural libraries in the world, with free topic guides on CSA, specialty crops, and organic.	The nation's ag bookshelf, open to everyone.
National Farm to School Network https://www.farmtoschool.org	The network connecting local farms with school cafeterias, with procurement guides for both sides.	A steady institutional sales channel and the paperwork map to reach it.
National Farmers Union https://nfu.org	The general farm organization advocating for family farms since 1902, with co-op education and a beginning farmer institute.	A policy voice for the family-scale farm and training to go with it.
National Grange https://www.nationalgrange.org	The oldest US agricultural fraternal organization, founded 1867, with halls in seventeen hundred towns.	A rural community institution that may already have a hall near you.
National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association https://ngma.com	The trade association of greenhouse manufacturers: structural standards and buying guidance for greenhouse construction.	The standards your greenhouse frame should meet, from the people who build them.
National Urban Agriculture Initiative https://nuaginitiative.com	The Virginia State led USDA project equipping urban growers to actually use USDA services.	How to walk into an FSA or NRCS office as a city grower and come out with help.
National Young Farmers Coalition https://www.youngfarmers.org	The grassroots policy network for the next generation of farmers: land access advocacy, local chapters, and guides to credit and land.	The organized voice of beginning farmers, plus practical land and loan guides.
Native Seeds/SEARCH https://www.nativeseeds.org	Southwest-focused seed conservation: arid-adapted crop varieties and seed-saving education.	Crops that already know how to handle heat and drought.
NCERA-101 Controlled Environments Committee https://www.controlledenvironments.org	The multi-university committee on controlled environment technology: the measurement and reporting guidelines researchers themselves use.	How the scientists measure growth chambers, free to copy.
North American Raspberry and Blackberry Association https://www.raspberrylblackberry.com	The membership organization for bramble growers: production guides and the caneberry grower network.	The people who know brambles, if berries are your row.
North American Strawberry Growers Association https://nasga.org	The strawberry grower association: research funding and production conferences.	The strawberry crowd and the research they fund.

Northeast Organic Farming Association https://nofa.org	Seven state chapters of organic farmers and gardeners, going since 1971: workshops, certification help, and a summer conference.	Your state chapter is the local organic community in the Northeast.
Ohio State OHCEAC https://ohceac.osu.edu	Ohio State's Controlled Environment Agriculture Center: research, hydroponics workshops, and disease management resources.	Midwest CEA research and workshops with a practical bent.
Open Source Seed Initiative https://osseeds.org	Copyleft for seeds: a pledge that keeps varieties free to save, replant, and breed from, forever.	Varieties no patent can ever take away from you.
OpenTEAM https://openteam.community	The farmer-driven open technology ecosystem: interoperable open tools for farm records, soil health, and decision support.	The community wiring open farm tools together so your data enters once and works everywhere.
Organic Farming Research Foundation https://ofrrf.org	A nonprofit that funds organic farming research and translates it into free grower guides and webinars.	Research-based organic answers without reading the journals yourself.
Organic Seed Alliance https://seedalliance.org	The nonprofit for organic seed systems: free seed-production manuals and on-farm participatory breeding training.	How to grow your own seed crop properly, taught free.
Organic Trade Association https://ota.com	The trade association for the organic industry: market data and regulatory tracking.	Where the organic market numbers and rule changes get reported first.
Pollinator Partnership https://pollinator.org	The largest pollinator-conservation nonprofit, with free planting guides matched to your ecoregion by zip code.	Type your zip, get the exact planting guide for your ecological region, free.
Practical Farmers of Iowa https://practicalfarmers.org	The gold standard of farmer-led research: members run replicated trials on their own farms and publish the results, hundreds of them, free.	Real on-farm trial data on cover crops, small grains, and horticulture, from farmers rather than salesmen.
Quivira Coalition New Agrarian Program https://quiviracoalition.org	Regenerative ranching nonprofit running paid eight-month apprenticeships on working Western ranches.	A paid path into regenerative ranching, boots on real ground.
Regeneration International https://regenerationinternational.org	A global network promoting regenerative food and farming, with a directory of regenerative farm networks worldwide.	The map of the regenerative movement beyond the US.
Regenerative Organic Alliance https://regenorganic.org	The nonprofit behind the Regenerative Organic Certified label, a rung above USDA Organic covering soil, animals, and workers.	A certification ladder beyond organic, if your market rewards it.
Resource Innovation Institute https://resourceinnovation.org	The nonprofit benchmarking energy and water efficiency in controlled environment agriculture: free best-practice guides on lighting, HVAC, and water plus PowerScore benchmarking.	Free engineering-grade guides to cut your grow's power and water bills.
Rodale Institute https://rodaleinstitute.org	The pioneer organic research farm, running since 1947, home of the long-running Farming Systems Trial comparing organic and conventional side by side.	Free consulting for organic transition and research-backed practice guides from the people who started it all.
Rogue Farm Corps https://roguefarmcorps.org	Structured season-long farm internships and apprenticeships on Oregon host farms; the model program others copy.	Immersive training with a curriculum, not just a summer of weeding.
Savory Institute https://savory.global	The holistic-management grazing network, with more than thirty training hubs worldwide.	Grazing-planning training through a regional hub if you run animals on grass.
Seed Savers Exchange https://seedsavers.org	The largest US nonprofit seed bank, twenty-seven thousand heirloom varieties in Decorah, Iowa, with a member-to-member exchange.	Heirlooms you cannot buy anywhere, and the community keeping them alive.

Slow Food USA https://slowfoodusa.org	The US arm of the good, clean, fair food movement: the Ark of Taste heritage varieties and local chapters.	Customers who care, and the heritage-variety honor roll.
Soil Health Institute https://soilhealthinstitute.org	A scientific nonprofit working out which soil health measurements actually matter and what they are worth in dollars.	Guidance on which soil health indicators are worth paying a lab to test.
The Land Institute https://landinstitute.org	The research nonprofit breeding perennial grain crops, including Kernza, toward agriculture that does not need replanting every year.	A window into the perennial future of grain, with field days and publications.
The Livestock Conservancy https://livestockconservancy.org	The heritage-breed conservation nonprofit since 1977: the Conservation Priority List, breed selection guides, and a breeder directory.	Which rare breed fits your farm, and who will sell you starting stock.
Urban Ag News https://urbanagnews.com	The free trade publication covering urban agriculture and CEA in plain language, with serious greenhouse agronomy behind it.	Readable CEA education from people who have grown commercially.
Urban Growers Collective https://www.urbangrowerscollective.org	The Chicago urban-farm nonprofit whose farmer-training program is a national model for urban food production.	The blueprint for serious urban farming, proven on fourteen acres of Chicago.
USDA Agricultural Research Service https://www.ars.usda.gov	USDA's in-house research agency, ninety-plus locations, public research on every crop, home of the National Agricultural Library.	The research your taxes already paid for, on whatever you grow.
USDA SARE https://www.sare.org	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education: USDA's grant program with four regional offices, farmer and rancher grants you can apply for directly, and a free book library that includes the standard texts.	Ten to thirty thousand dollars to try something on your own farm, and free full books like Building Soils for Better Crops.
USDA Urban Agriculture (OUAIP) https://www.farmers.gov/your-business/urban-growers	USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production: urban ag grants, county-office navigation, and composting programs.	The federal front door for city growing, with money behind it.
Wageningen University and Research https://www.wur.nl	The world's top agricultural university, in the Netherlands, and the reference point for greenhouse horticulture science.	Where greenhouse growing is studied hardest; their publications set the bar.
WWOOF-USA https://wwwoofusa.org	Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms, US chapter: work-exchange learning stays on fifteen hundred organic farms.	Learn by living on farms, or host learners on yours.
Xerces Society https://xerces.org	The invertebrate conservation nonprofit: the best free guides anywhere on pollinator habitat, beneficial insects, and pesticide risk.	Regional planting guides and honest answers on which sprays hurt your bees, organic ones included.

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