

Chapter *XVIX*:

Website List

Chapter XXIX: Website List

Note: This chapter of websites is to help those individuals who want to search for topics in one of the following areas without searching through the Resource Manual's chapters. The areas are: A. Agriculture-Related Information Resources; B. Alternative/Sustainable Agriculture; C. Data; D. Tourism; E. Ideas; F. Conservation; G. Financial Assistance; H. Marketing; I. Planning/Business Management; J. Community Development. These websites do not contain all of the websites notes in the other chapters.

A. Agriculture-Related Information Resources

NRCS Alternative Enterprises and Agritourism Website

This website provides information about alternative enterprises and agritourism, and provides access to related directories and publications.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/RESS/altenterprise/index.html>

Farmers Guide to the Internet

This website has a compilation of nearly 2,000 different useful links that are continually being updated and maintained.

<http://www.rural.org/favorites.html>

Web-Agri: The Agricultural Search Engine

<http://www.web-agri.com/>

Agriculture Online

Voice of the people on farming

This website is an online agriculture resource center. It has daily updates on agriculture news, markets, and weather and technology.

<http://www.agriculture.com/>

Agriculture Network Information Center

This website provides access to agriculture-related information, subject area experts, and other resources.

<http://www.agnic.org>

Agriculture Databases

This website contains links to a number of useful agriculture databases

<http://www.internets.com/sagri.htm>

<http://www.americanpasturage.com/>

Set of Websites

<http://www.eatwild.com>

<http://www.westonaprice.org>

<http://www.homesteadfoods.com>

<http://bbs.americanpasturage.com>

<http://www.saveoursoils.org>
www.pasturepoultry@onelist.com
www.dairycreamery@onelist.com
www.onelist.com
www.soilfoolweb.com

USDA National Agricultural Library

<http://www.nal.usda.gov>

Agri-Culture Health

This website provides information and resources on produce, health, and environmental issues.

<http://ag.udel.edu/maccap/>

Agricultural, Economic, and Community Development Information Clearinghouse

This website provides research and educational materials on a range of agriculture development topics, including links to helpful organizations and internet resources.

<http://www.nyagdev.net>

Agnews

This website provides South Texas farmers with information on weather, and soil and crop growth development. It also provides public access to weather data measure, expert information on gardening, agriculture, and natural resources.

<http://agnews.tamu.edu>

Farms.com

This website features news, weather, a section on various agricultural markets and other resources that include a search feature, newsletters, and classifieds.

<http://www.farms.com>

Prairie Links Ag Directory and Tractor Search

http://www.prairielinks.com/aglinks/Ag_Portals/AgLinks/

Agribiz Search and Research

This website contains a comprehensive agricultural mailing list directory.

<http://www.agribiz.com/agInfo/resMail.html>

MetroFarm Online

This is an electronic magazine for metropolitan agriculture.

Available at: <http://www.metrofarm.com/>

Small Farm New Farm Website

This website contains links to agriculture & natural resource pages.

<http://newfarm.osu.edu/>

Electronic Farm Website

This website contains an agricultural directory of small farms across the United States.
http://www.co.ha.md.us/economic_development/agriculture/maef.htm

PLANTS website

This website contains an extensive database with information about plants and farming, including alternative crops.
<http://plants.usda.gov/>

National Water Information System

United States Geological Survey

This website allows users to access data that can help water managers, engineers, scientists, emergency managers, recreational water users, etc.
<http://water.usgs.gov/nwis>

Aquaculture Network Information Center

This website provides access to all electronic aquaculture information, including newsletters and other publications.
<http://aquanic.org>

Eat Wild

This website provides information, links, books, and news related to pasture-based farming
<http://eatwild.com/>

Goat World List Serve

This is a list serve for owners of all types, sizes and breeds of goats. For more information go to: <http://www.liszt.com/lists/goatworld/?cid=4388>

USDA Farm Bill 2002 Information Website

This website is designed to help farmers, ranchers and the general public learn the latest information about the new farm bill. The website includes a fact sheet, questions and answers about the farm bill, and program applications and sign up forms.
<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/>

DirectAg.com

This website features agricultural news, newsletters, local weather reports, farm finance information, and information centers for livestock, dairy, and crop production as well as for Machinery and Parts.
<http://www.directag.com/directag/aboutus/index.jhtml>

Food and Agriculture: Consumer Trends and Opportunities

By Betty King, Janet Tietyen and Steven Vickner
University of Kentucky (IP 58A – IP 58F)

This is a series of publications that describe the trends in consumption, nutrition, health, lifestyle, and marketing for the agricultural economy in general, and for the grain,

vegetable, fruit, dairy, protein foods, and fats, oils and sweets sector of the agricultural economy. Links to each of the publications that is part of the series are available online at: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac/links/linkview2.asp?catnum=1067&alpha=L>

B. Alternative/Sustainable Agriculture

Minnesota Grown Opportunities Project Website

This website has hundreds of pages of links to information on diversification opportunities

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/mgo/>

Alternative Agricultural Enterprise (Links)

This website contains links to various documents prepared by personnel from land grant universities, federal agencies, and private foundations. The documents each have information needed to help you make an informed decision about alternative agricultural enterprises.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/alternatives/alternativelinks.html>

List of Alternative Crops & Enterprises for Small Farm Diversification Website

This website can be used to identify alternative crops, unusual livestock, and innovative farming enterprises. The site also provides links to online documents, organizations, databases, and other helpful websites.

http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC_pubs/altlist.htm

Alternative Field Crops Manual

This field manual provides information on those crops and animals that are considered alternatives to traditional farm commodities.

Available at: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/default.html>

Commercial Vegetable Production Guides

Oregon State University

Available online at: <http://www.orst.edu/dept/NWREC/vegindex.html>

Midwest Small Fruit & Grape Net

This website provides information on management, commercial production, harvesting, and marketing of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, high bush berries, and grapes. The website also contains links to newsletters, current research reports, market prices, and business reports. Additionally specialists in insect, disease, and weed control are available to answer questions through their Ask the Expert link.

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~sfgnet/>

Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC)

The AgMRC is an electronically based center that collects and interprets information about value-added agriculture. The center, which is a website, provides research, information about events and business development, directories, and has a website search

engine. They provide independent producers and processors with information that will help them build a successful value-added enterprise.

<http://www.agmrc.org/>

Organic Food and Agriculture Website

This website serves as a meeting place for people interested in obtaining organic food commodities & farmers wanting to grow organic agriculture crops.

<http://www.liszt.com/lists/OrganicFoodandAgriculture>

Organic Farming Research Foundation

<http://www.ofrf.org/>

Iowa State University Organic Agriculture Webpage

This website serves as an information resource on organic agriculture. The website contains organic agriculture links resources, research and education and information on organic production.

<http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag/>

Sustainable Farming Connection Website

This website provides information intended to help you tame costs, add value to what you sell, and keep you up to date on the latest news from the sustainable farming community.

<http://www.ibiblio.org/farming-connection/>

Sustaining People through Agricultural Networks (SPAN)

SPAN is a farmer managed network working to develop sustainable agriculture systems that support people, families, and communities. Their website contains a link to their newsletter.

Website: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/sustain/span/index.htm>

Sustainable Measures Website

This website develops and provides indicators that measure progress toward a sustainable economy, society and environment.

<http://www.sustainablemeasures.com/>

MetroFarm Online

This is an electronic magazine for metropolitan agriculture.

Available at: <http://www.metrofarm.com/>

C. Data

World Resources Institute

The World Resources Institute provides information on the trends in population, food and water security, consumption and waste, energy use and climate change. Their website contains more information on the center and their research, including their recent publications.

Website: <http://www.wri.org>

Earthtrends Website

This online resource is an environmental almanac compiled by the World Resource Institute of data from more than 140 countries plus regional and global trends.
<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

Econdata.net

This website lists the 10 best web sites for economic data.
http://www.econdata.net/content_tenbest.html

The Economic Research Service Website

This website has links to the land values for all U.S. counties (1850 – 1992)
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/sdp/view.asp?f=land/87012>

Economic Research Service State Fact Sheets

State fact sheets provide information on population, employment, income, farm characteristics, and farm financial indicators for each state in the U.S.
Available at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts>

Economic Research Service, USDA website

Data for major land uses from 1945 - 97
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/majorlanduses/>

Statistical Resources on the Web

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stag.html>

National Survey on Recreation and the Environment: 2000-2003

A national survey that has been taken since the 1950's. Today, an Interagency National Survey Consortium, coordinated by the USDA Forest Service; Outdoor Recreation, Wilderness and Demographics Trends Research Group, Athens, GA and The Human Dimensions Research Laboratory, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN conducts the survey and completes the analysis.

Information available at www.srs.fs.fed.us/trends or contact

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Athens, GA 30602

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Vermont Tourism Data Center

Website: <http://snr.uvm.edu/vtdc/>

Marine Recreational Statistics Survey Website

<http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/recreational/pubs.html>

Louisiana Tourism Data Resources

<http://www.latour.lsu.edu/>

D. Tourism (includes agritourism, nature tourism, and heritage/cultural tourism)

National Tourism Foundation Website

<http://www.ntfonline.com/>

National Tour Association Website

<http://www.ntaonline.com/>

Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center

<http://www.tourismcenter.msu.edu/>

Tourism Resources Website

Rural Information Center

This website provides a various links to tourism resources, and information on funding programs, statistics, and data and contacts.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ruralres/tourism.htm>

Travel and Tourism Resource Association

Website: <http://www.ttra.com/>

Tourism Research Links by René Walsberg

<http://www.waksberg.com/>

Rural Tourism: an Annotated Bibliography

By Dennis M. Brown

This bibliography summarizes studies on rural tourism. It includes studies on heritage tourism, nature-based tourism, agritourism, the economic effects of tourism, and tourism planning and development.

Available online at: <http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/ricpubs.htm>

North Carolina Tourism Resources in Education and Development

This website provides various different resources concerning North Carolina state-wide and national tourism. It includes information on tourism research, hospitality education, funding opportunities, and specifically agritourism.

<http://www.nctourismresources.net/sustainable.htm>

Tourism Educational Materials Website

This website contains a database that provides an inventory of Extension resource materials related to tourism education

<http://www.msue.msu.edu/msue/imp/modtd/mastertd.html>

Compilation of Extension Tourism Faculty by state available at:
<http://www.montana.edu/wwwcommd/faculty.htm>

See America

This website contains a searchable database of all websites related to U.S. travel.
<http://www.seeamerica.org>

Farmstop.com

This website contains a list of farms to visit across North America that invite you to stop by and visit. It can be in your state or a distant state, but the message is the same. Stop, and have fun, pet farm animals, enjoy seasonal festivals, shop in country stores and eat delicious fresh food. You can stay overnight or a week or more.

<http://www.farmstop.com>

Hidden America Website

This website provides information on activities and places that lie off the beaten path and beyond the interstate. It also contains a monthly newsletter and links to similar sites.
<http://www.hiddenamerica.com/>

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Agritourism Database

This online database can be used to locate agritourism websites.

<http://www.agritourism.uiuc.edu>

To be included in the database, contact:

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Email: b-wicks@staff.uiuc.edu

Green Travel: Agritourism Online

This website contains a list of various agritourism websites, associations and organization worldwide.

<http://www.green-travel.com/gtagrito.htm>

Access Minnesota Main Street: *Electronic Commerce for Small Business*

University of Minnesota Extension Service

Access Minnesota Main Street is a project that teaches business people from six Minnesota communities about the potential for electronic commerce. Their course teaches people how to use the Internet as a business research tool, how to plan a website, and how to effectively promote a website.

Website: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/mainstreet/index.html>

Ph: 1-800-876-8636 or (612) 625-8776

Email: mainstreet@extension.umn.edu.

Agricultural Tourism Fact Sheets

University of California Small Farm Center

Available at: <http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/agritourism/factsheets.html>

Agritour Countryside Links

This website contains links to various agritourism related websites

<http://www.agritour.com/links/aglinks.htm>

Water Works Wonders Website

This website provides information on fishing, boating and caring for the water. The website also offers the opportunity to reach a national audience through their free listing.

<http://www.waterworkswonders.org/>

BoatingandFishing.com

This website provides news, magazines, links, and general information related to boating and fishing.

<http://www.boatingandfishing.com/>

Nature Tourism Information

Texas A&M University

http://rptsweb.tamu.edu/taex/nature_tourism/index.htm

Recreation.gov

This website provides information on recreation opportunities on federal lands.

<http://www.recreation.gov/>

Center for Nature and Heritage Tourism

This website provides information on nature and heritage tourism . The website also contains a links to additional websites, many of which are about Farm and Ranch tourism.

<http://hidalgo.geo.swt.edu/nht/>

Public Folk Cultural Programs Website

National Endowment for the Arts

This website lists the state folklorists for all 50 states.

<http://www.nea.gov/artforms/Folk/Folk6.html>

Festivals.com

This website provides information on festivals across the United States. It includes festival news and announcement of events. The website also contains an advanced search engine, and a cultural tourism bookstore.

<http://www.festivals.com/>

State Services Organization SHPO List

This website lists the contact information of the state historic preservation officers for all 50 states.

<http://www.sso.org/ncshpo/shpolist.htm>

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

This website lists the contact information for all tribal historic preservation officers.

Website: <http://www.achp.gov/thpo.html>

National Heritage Tourism Contacts

<http://www.ohiotourism.com/industry/heritage/faq/nationalcontacts.html>

E. Ideas**List of Alternative Crops & Enterprises for Small Farm Diversification Website**

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http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC_pubs/altlist.htm

New Crop Opportunities Center

The New Crop Opportunities Center provides farmers with production and marketing information on new crops and value-added versions of current crops.

Website: <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/aboutus.html>

Mazemaker

This company designs and builds mazes all over the world. Their website has pictures of some of the mazes they have built.

Website: <http://www.mazemaker.com/>

The MAiZ

This is the world's largest cornfield maze company. Their website provides information on the company's educational program, Planting Seeds of Knowledge, and information on how to build your own maze.

Website: <http://www.cornfieldmaze.com/>

2361 S. Goodnight Dr.

Springville, UT 84663

Email: ktmaize@aol.com

Windustry

Windustry is a project that supports the development of clean, renewable wind energy in rural communities through educational materials and technical assistance. Their website provides information on wind energy opportunities, a newsletter, and news and events related to wind energy.

2105 First Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Ph: 1-800-365-5441 or (612) 374-2261
Email: info@windustry.org

F. Conservation

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web site: www.nrcs.usda.gov

Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC)

The WHC is a nonprofit group of corporations, conservation organizations, and individuals that helps large landowners manage their unused land in an ecologically sensitive manner for the benefit of wildlife. Their website provides information on their programs and their backyard conservation page provides educators with online lesson plans related to wildlife conservation.

Website: <http://www.wildlifehc.org>

Environmental Protection Agency, Ag Center

<http://es.epa.gov/oeca/ag>

Community Based Collaborative Research Consortium (CBCRC)

This website has a searchable database of projects and research, books and periodical concerning collaborating approaches to managing environmental resources. The database is designed so that you can enter your own resource as well.

<http://www.cbrc.org>

Dickinson Country Water Improvement Program Website

This website includes information on water improvement and a page of links.

<http://www.ikansas.com/~water/index.html>

Responsive Management

Responsive Management is a Virginia-based public opinion polling and survey research firm specializing in fisheries, wildlife, natural resource, outdoor recreation and environmental issues.

Website: <http://responsivemanagement.com/>

G. Financial Assistance

Grant Station Website

This website is a comprehensive tool for grant seekers; it provides information on networking and funding strategies, and current news and recommended books. Members can access the websites, Find a Funder search engine and Grant Seekers Toolkit as well.

<http://grantstation.com/>

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service Funding Opportunities Website

This website provides a list of CSREES funding opportunities that include federal grants and other programs. Application forms are also available.

<http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/ourfund.htm>

Rural Community Empowerment Program

Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC)

This is a federal program designed to help revitalize rural communities by creating economic opportunities and sustainable community development, developing strategic visions for change and community based partnerships. The program focuses on fomenting long-term partnerships between the federal government and rural communities. Their website contains more information on their aid programs and other important information.

Website: <http://www.ezec.gov/>

H. Marketing

Agri-Marketing

This website is an information resource on marketing for agricultural products.

<http://www.agri-culturehealth.com>

AgriMarketing.com

This website contains the online version of AgriMarketing Magazine. The magazine provides agribusiness news and discussion, all available on the website. The website also contains contact lists and advertising information.

<http://www.agrimarketing.com/whoweare.php3>

For hardcopies of the magazine, contact:

Judy Knoll

Ph: (314) 372-3524

FoodMAP

This website provides marketing and processing information on identifying new markets, learning about alternative agriculture opportunities, locating processing equipment, understanding processing requirements and ingredients

<http://www.foodmap.unl.edu/index.asp>

Food Marketing Institute (FMI)

The FMI conducts activities in research, education, public information, industry relations, and public affairs. Their website contains a store where you can purchase research reports, books, videos or CD-Roms. It also provides news, statistics, food safety information, marketing information, and announcement of their conferences.

Website: <http://www.fmi.org/>

AMS Farmer's Markets website

This website provides general facts about farmer's markets and additional resources related to farmers' markets. The website also contains a search option for the National Directory of Farmer's Markets.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/>

Northeast Sheep and Goat Marketing Program Website

This website is designed to be a library of marketing information that should enable Northeastern producers to make informed decisions to improve the success of their enterprises.

Available at: <http://www.sheepgoatmarketing.org/sgm/index.html>

Using the Internet as a Farm Marketing Tool

By William J. Bamka

Available at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2000april/tt1.html>

NY Specialty Foods Listserv

This new listserv is for NY based growers, farmers and processors, as well as anyone interested in developing value-added products in NY. It will serve as a place for growers to communicate what products they grow, and for everyone to exchange ideas and information. To subscribe to the listserve, send an email to lyris@list.morrisville.edu. In the subject line write: subscribe NYSpecialtyFoods

NC Fresh Connection

NC Fresh Connection is a campaign by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services that works by linking buyers with NC produce growers, cooperatives and processors across the state who can supply seasonal fruits and vegetables.

<http://www.ncagr.com/freshconnect/index.htm>

Local Harvest

This website consumers all over the country to search for community supported agriculture (CSA), farmers' markets, farm stands, and U-pick farms in their area.

www.localharvest.org

Farm to Table

This organization is an Earth Pledge Foundation. Their website provides information about New York State farmers, including, who they are, what farming practices they use, and how and where you can buy their products.

Website: <http://www.farmtotable.org/farm/fe/>

Email: clozier@earthpledge.org

UPick.com

This website offers a free listing of producers.

<http://upick.com>

Four Corners Ag.

The Online Agriculture Marketplace

This website is an online medium for buying, selling, trading, or simply just locating regional agricultural products and services.

Available at: <http://www.4cornersag.com/>

Small Holders' Alliance

The Small Holders' Alliance supports Massachusetts small farmers, homesteaders, backyard farmers, and all those interested in purchasing food directly from the farm on which it was produced. Their website provides news and information on livestock care.

Website: <http://www.smallholdersalliance.org/>

Better Board of Trade Website

This website contains an inexpensive, simple classifieds bulletin board system where organic and sustainable producers and buyers can meet.

<http://www.mybbot.com/index.htm>

Local Farm Network Website

This website allows you to search for products and services available within so many miles of your physical location.

<http://www.localfarm.net>

Organic Trader Website

This website provides options for suppliers and buyers to buy and/or market their organic products.

<http://www.organictrader.net/>

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Website

This website provides a statewide agritourism directory that lists approximately 2,000 farms and markets where consumers can purchase NYS farm fresh products.

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/FFGSearch.asp>

USDA School Lunch Program

This USDA sponsored program encourages schools to purchase produce from local farmers. An example is the New North Florida Farmers Cooperative.

Website: <http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com>

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I. Planning/Business Management

Growing New Farmers Service Provider Consortium

The NF Consortium represents over 150 organizations committed to providing programs, services, and advocacy for the region's new farmers. The GNF also has grants for new programs available to members.

Website: <http://gnf.bigmindcatalyst.com>

National Farm Transition Network

This Network supports programs that help create the opportunity for young people to begin a career in agriculture.

Website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/nftn/aboutnetw.html>

Email: jrbaker@iastate.edu

Small Farms Website

This website offers links to listings of resources, grants, programs, and websites. They also provide information about small farms, business management and production systems.

http://www.cals.cornell.edu/agfoodcommunity/afs_temp1.cfm?topicID=67

Small Business Start-Up Kit

Available at: www.sbaonline.sba.gov/starting/indexstartup.html

4 Steps to Starting a Business

Texas Economic Development

This publication discusses four steps to starting a business: business structure and name, business tax responsibilities, business license and permits by business type, and business employer requirements.

Available online at: <http://www.tded.state.tx.us/guide/>

J. Community Development

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation of Australia

This Corporation works closely with Australian rural industries to enhance innovation in the rural and related sectors, and address strategic issues facing the rural sector. Their website contains links to online publications including research reports, fact sheets and the like. It also provides information on their programs on new plant and animal products and emerging new industries.

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/>

USDA Rural Development Website

Funds Available

This website provides a list of current USDA programs that offer grants or funding. The list includes links applications forms for the funds.

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>

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Website: <http://www.ezec.gov/>

Center for Applied Rural Innovation

University of Nebraska

Website: <http://cari.unl.edu/>

Getting Online 2.0

A small town 74-page guide to creating 21st century communities. Distributed by National Center for Small Communities.

Available by going to

www.natat.org/ncsc/newresources.htm