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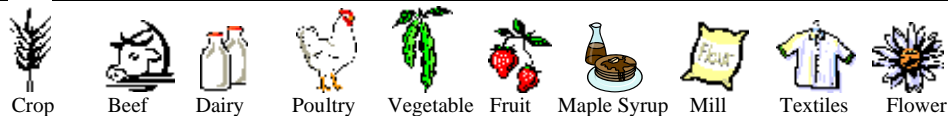
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The Minnesota Organic Farmers' Information Exchange (MOFIE) links producers with information needed to farm organically and successfully by connecting with other experienced organic farmers. The program consists of a dynamic group of 22 certified organic producers from all over the state of Minnesota. Their expertise covers many areas of organic production in Minnesota such as crop, beef, dairy, poultry, vegetable, fruit, maple syrup, and flower production.

Each mentor has generously agreed to answer questions through phone calls or emails. They are available to take calls from anyone interested in what they are doing on their farms. However, please try to call during the requested times listed. And remember to thank them for their time and willingness to volunteer for such an important job! For more information, please contact Carmen Fernholz at 320-212-3008 or fernholz@umn.edu.

<p>Phil and Deb Batalden 23651 420th Avenue, Lamberton, MN 56152 507-752-7796, prefers 8-9 pm</p>	<p>Traditional and alternative crops, integrated weed management techniques, green manures</p>	
<p>Laura and Marvin Bihl, Home Place Beef Organic Farm PO Box 81, Clearwater, MN 55320 320-558-6392, prefers evenings marvobihl@aol.com</p>	<p>Grazing beef production, long crop rotation including traditional crops and pasture</p>	
<p>Lynn Brakke, Lynn Brakke Organic Farms 5724 170th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN 56560 218-585-4107, no phone calls after 9 pm or on Sundays lbrakke@aol.com</p>	<p>Direct markets 35 head of angus, extended rotation including many alternative crops, electrostatic and flame weed control</p>	
<p>Don DeWeerd 1826 70th Avenue, Pipestone, MN 56164 507-825-2077, prefers weekday evenings dondeweerd@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Traditional and alternative crops, cover crops and legumes, skilled in rotation planning, over 25 years of organic farming experience</p>	
<p>Carmen Fernholz, A-Frame Farm RR 2 Box 9A, Madison, MN 56256 320-598-3010, prefers 7-8 am weekdays fernholz@frontiernet.net</p>	<p>Cultivation expert, many alternative crops, certified organically for over 25 years, skilled in rotation planning and tillage practices, extensive experience with on-farm experimentation</p>	
<p>Kay and Annette Fernholz, Earthrise Farm RR 2 Box 94A, Madison, MN 56256 320-752-4700, prefers weeknights erfarm@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Vegetable, fruit and herbs, marketing through Community Supported Agriculture and Farmers' markets</p>	
<p>John Fisher- Merrit, Food Farm 2612 County Road 1, Wrenshall, MN 55797 218-384-3356</p>	<p>Huge variety of vegetables, Community Supported Agriculture, greenhouse experience, root-cellar</p>	
<p>Richard Handeen, Moonstone Farm 9060 40th St SW, Montevideo, MN 56265 320-269-8971, prefers 8-9 pm rhandeen@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Crops, parts of land certified for over 30 years, Skilled rotational grazer, markets organic beef direct</p>	
<p>Chuck Knierem, Wildrose Organic Farm 7073 Nickel Road, Breezy Point, MN 56472 218-562-4864</p>	<p>Organic cotton fabrics, clothing, rugs</p>	

<p>Mark and Wendy Lange, Dry Weather Creek Farm 8095 40th St NW, Milan, MN 56262 320-269-9617, prefers late evening, early morning dwcreek@fedteldirect.net</p>	Crops, Certified Organic Flour Mill	
<p>Craig Murphy 51487 320th St, Morris, MN 56267 320-392-5176, prefers weeknights before 9 pm cjemurph@fedteldirect.net</p>	Long rotation, alternative crops, skilled rotation planning and integrated weed management, Certified organic beef	
<p>Dale and Betty Noordmans, LIFE Design Organics 39041 County Road 2, Hancock, MN 56244 320-392-5925 or 320-766-0008, 0006 organicfood30@hotmail.com</p>	Traditional and alternative crops	
<p>Mike and Lynn Olund, Olunds Organic Greenhouse/ Superior Forest Flowers 3203 HWY 44, Brimson, MN 55602 218-848-2824, prefers weekdays mlolund@earthlink.net</p>	Large variety of vegetables, over 23 years of experience with solar greenhouse production and cold climate growing, fresh and dried cut flowers, market to local food coops and restaurants	
<p>Greg Reynolds, Riverbend Farm 5405 Calder Ave SE, Delano, MN 55328 763-972-3295, prefers Wednesdays 9-11 am riverbend@usinternet.com</p>	Vegetables, wholesale and restaurant sales, skilled in rotation planning for managing weeds and fertility	
<p>Dale Rusch 22864 190th Street, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-5721, prefers Sunday nights, 9-10 pm</p>	Certified organic dairy, traditional and alternative crops	
<p>Shary's Berries 1651 Two Harbors Rd, Two Harbors, MN 55616 218-834-5221, prefers before 9 pm</p>	Raspberries, Blueberries and Apples, Pick your own Greenhouse vegetables	
<p>Larry and Kirsten Waddell, Wild Country Maple Syrup 191 Barker Lake Road, Lutsen, MN 55612 218-663-8010, prefers weekdays 8 am-4:30 pm k@wildcountrymaple.com</p>	Certified Organic Maple Syrup	
<p>Jerry Wiebusch, Wiebuschs Valley View Family Farm RR3 Box 86, Lake City, MN 55041 507-753-2754, prefers evenings after 9 pm</p>	Certified organic dairy, traditional crops, flame weeding	
<p>Brian and Laura Wilson, Wilson's Organic Strawberries 8375 Sethnay Lane SW, Alexandria, MN 56308 320-808-0331, prefers evenings, 7-9 pm</p>	Strawberries marketed through pick-you-own, groceries stores and advertisement	
<p>Ray Yokiel 59129 180th Street, Wells, MN 56097 507-553-6152, prefers evenings</p>	Traditional crops, more than 20 years flame weeding experience	



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