

Natural Resources Defense Council Growing Green Awards

Nominations are due by December 4, 2009. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has announced its second annual Growing Green Awards to recognize individuals who have demonstrated original leadership in the field of sustainable food. Through this national award, NRDC will recognize extraordinary contributions that advance ecologically integrated farming practices, climate stewardship, water stewardship, farmland preservation, and social responsibility from farm to fork. <http://www.nrdc.org/growinggreen>

West Central Cattleman's Day and Trade Show

November 23rd at Red Willow County Fairgrounds. November 24th at Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, NE. 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Participants can select educational sessions on topics as diverse as calving date economics, size and heifer development, windrow grazing and achieving a short calving season. Contact: Randy Saner, (308) 532-2683, rsaner2@unl.edu

Upcoming

Bioeconomy eConference

December 1, 2009. Online Conference. The 2009 Bio eConference—"Growing the Bioeconomy: Solutions for Sustainability"—is a 12-state alliance of simultaneous state conferences. These co-host sites will be sharing content through high-speed communication systems to promote agriculturally-based sustainable solutions to global climate change and energy supply. <http://www.bioeconomyconference.org/>

Midwest Integrated Crop Management Conference

December 2-3, 2009. Ames, Iowa. Conference attendees can choose from 34 workshops that offer the latest information on crop production and protection technology in Iowa and surrounding states. Workshops are offered by ISU faculty and staff and invited speakers from around the Midwest. The conference is hosted by ISU Extension, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology and Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. http://www.extension.org/pages/Midwest_Integrated_Crop_Management_Conference_Sept_for_Dec._2-3

Acres U.S.A Conference and Trade Show

December 3-5, 2009. St. Paul, Minnesota. The annual Acres U.S.A. conference sets the standards for innovation and learning. It is where you find farmers and consultants from every side of eco-farming who come together to share their experience and expertise. Attend the non-stop event, learn the latest in cutting-edge technology and methods, and return home ready to make your farming operation the best it can be.

<http://www.acresusa.com/events/events.htm>

Missouri Livestock Symposium

December 4-5, 2009. Kirksville, Missouri. The Symposium will feature educational programs on all species of livestock (horses, beef cattle, sheep, and meat goats), forages, stock dogs, conservation, wildlife, and more. Featuring nationally known speakers, trade show, and entertainment. <http://www.missourilivestock.com/>

Bioenergy Conference

December 4, 2009. Kirksville, Missouri. This Bioenergy Conference, funded by a Professional Development Program grant from USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), will highlight the role of farms and farmland in a sustainable energy future, emphasizing information that attendees will need to work with farmers and landowners considering or participating in bioenergy projects. The conference will address production and handling of dedicated biomass feedstocks, algae oil production and utilization, alternative oilseed production, farm-level oilseed processing and biodiesel production, methane digesters, and recent developments in energy policy.

<http://bioenergyconference.truman.edu/>

24th Annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference

Dec. 4-6, 2009. Black Mountain, North Carolina. With the wealth of amazing farms in the region, the outstanding programs at Warren Wilson College, and other exciting ag projects nearby, this will be an amazing educational opportunity for experienced farmers, new farmers, gardeners and activists alike.

http://sare.org/events/show_events.asp?event=2381

Organic Livestock Workshop

December 5, 2009. Jamestown, North Dakota. What does it take to raise livestock organically? Where are the markets for certified organic livestock? These questions and many more will be addressed at the Organic Livestock Workshop being held in Jamestown on December 5th. <http://www.farrms.org/cgi-bin/farrms.org/farmsnews/fnews.pl?record=34>

Iowa Organic Conference

December 5, 2009. Ames, Iowa. <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/organic09/home.html>
This year's Iowa Organic Conference will include sessions on:

- * Transitioning to Organic Farming
- * Marketing Organic Produce
- * Building Carbon in Your Soil
- * Government Programs for Organic

Event Listing

Have an event or opportunity you would like to list and get the word out about? Send it to healthyfarms@gmail.com with the basic who, what, where, how much and contact information and we'll put it on the website and email list(s) and newsletter(s).

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Conferences!

[Healthy Farms/Rural Advantage Conference](#)

Friday, Feb. 5th & Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2010

Holiday Inn Downtown. Lincoln, Nebraska

[Western Sustainable Agriculture Conference](#)

**Friday, Dec. 11th and Saturday, Dec. 12th,
2009**

Grey Goose Lodge. Ogallala, Nebraska

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& food systems that build healthy land, people,
communities & quality of life, for present &
future generations!