



You're invited
TO THE
**ORGANIC TEACHERS
ACADEMY**

COURSES START APRIL 5, 2024

**AN IN-DEPTH, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATORS OR LAND
CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS:**

- ▶ High school teachers and technical college instructors in horticulture, agri-science, environmental studies, farm business management, agronomy, and livestock.
- ▶ Land conservation professionals, extension educators, anyone working with farmers, or ag or environmental students.

**Complete six courses spread across
three years**

2024 - Year 1

- (1) Organic Soils, Nutrients & Composting
- (2) Sustainable Agriculture; Practices & Issues

2025 - Year 2

- (3) Managed Grazing & Organic Livestock
- (4) Organic Crops & Gardening Principles

2026 - Year 3

- (5) Value-Added Foods and Diversified Farms
- (6) Food Systems: Food Quality

**and earn a micro-credential as a
certified Sustainable Agricultural
Educator**

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Class #24830: Organic Soils, Nutrients & Composting-Living Soil

April 5: 3:30-4:30 pm virtual LIVE
April through August self-paced
August 8 in-person

Class #24841: Sustainable Agriculture: Issues and Practices-Climate Friendly Farming

April 5: 3:30-4:30 pm virtual LIVE
April through August self-paced
August 9 in-person

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

Virtual Live: Use Microsoft Teams to meet in real-time for course content overview and organization, and how to navigate in NWTC's Canvas learning platform. Both courses will be covered.

Self-Paced: Use the Canvas platform to access modules at times that work best for you from April - August. Email your instructor at any time with questions or clarifications. Watch your email for updates.

In-Person: Meet as a group to review the course and participate in demos, tours, and hands-on, skill-building labs. Location to be included in class materials.

2024 Course Descriptions:

Organic Soils, Nutrients & Composting

Functional soil is the foundation of organic systems. Build robust, healthy soil through increased organic matter, micro-organism activity, and nutrient cycling. Explore composting techniques, organic fertilizer sources, soil health and conservation.

Sustainable Agriculture: Issues and Practices

Compare organic and sustainable agricultural practices with conventional agriculture. Learn how organic farmers manage crops and animals without antibiotics, hormones, herbicides, pesticides or GMOs. Explore these questions...Can we feed the world with lower-impact farming?...How does farming affect the climate?...How does climate-change affect farming?

Course Details:

- April 5: 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in this hour-long, virtual session, you'll get the overview of topics that both courses cover. We'll discuss course structure in Canvas (learning platform), and set up a plan to work through the content modules. A recording of this session will be available but live-virtual participation is preferred.
- April through August: Complete coursework as described in Canvas.
- August 8 and 9: 10:00 am arrive at designated location or farm. Complete hands-on activities. Session ends at 4:00 pm. Lunch is included.

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR SPRING/ SUMMER 2024 ACADEMY COURSES!

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Cost: **FREE** Due to a generous grant from an anonymous donor, we are able to offer these courses to you no charge. One book will be required. Ordering details will be included in your registration confirmation. You will also receive a stipend of \$150 upon satisfactory completion of each class.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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