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Spring Conference Registration is OPEN!

Registration for our 16th annual Spring Conference is NOW OPEN! Join us for our first ever two-day conference, scheduled for March 21-22, 2009 at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, NC. Enjoy a weekend of workshops for everyone, from beginning gardeners to advanced commercial growers. Topics cover all aspects of sustainable living, from gardening to alternative energy options; from cooking to food preservation.

[Download the official 2009 class schedule](#)

[Register online](#) or [download a printable registration form](#) and mail it with a check by March 1st, 2009, and you can attend for only \$40 per day!



[Visit our website](#) for more registration details. Hope to see you there!

CRAFT-WNC Farmer Training Initiative

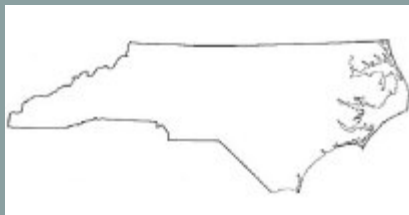
The Organic Growers School is proud to announce a new program for 2009: CRAFT-WNC. CRAFT stands for "Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training-Western North Carolina". This new program is a grassroots effort--one requested of us by area farmers.



CRAFT is a training program that brings established sustainable farmers together with students of farming to work, teach, and learn. Farmers and their apprentices will gather on member farms for in depth, hands on workshops and work exchanges that seek to both train the next generation of sustainable farmers as well as give established farmers a voice in that training. Curriculum will be established and taught by the member farmers themselves. Participating farmers and apprentices will also have access to educational resources provided by the mentor farmers and our organization, and enjoy social events organized by OGS. If your farm is interested in joining CRAFT-WNC, [click here](#) to go to the CRAFT page on our website and download an application. You do not have to have hired apprentices to be a member of CRAFT.

If you are a student of farming who would like to participate in CRAFT, you can also fill out an application.

Please note: there are membership categories for everyone. Farmers, non farming parties, and students of farming are all welcome to join.



NC Apprentice Link

Are you a farmer looking for dependable labor, but don't have the time to screen every prospective apprentice, or establish advertising for your farm? Or are you a student of farming who is looking for farm work in North Carolina? The Organic Growers School, at the request of farmers and farm workers, is launching an apprentice to farm matching program in 2009 called NC Apprentice Link. The entirely web-based program is designed to help farmers increase advertising for available work on their farms and save time and energy sorting through applicants. Farmers can visit our website and create a profile for their farm for just \$10. Potential apprentices can then view these profiles as they do their job search. Apprentices then fill out an application, listing their top farm choices, and our office will match apprentices, based on skills and interests, with participating farmers. Once we have screened initial applications, farmers then take over, conducting interviews, farm visits, or any means they want to to find a dependable worker for their farm. NC Apprentice Link is brand new in 2009, so our first step is getting farmers to join, in order to build the list for apprentices to search. If you are a farmer interested in creating a profile, [click here](#) to visit the NC Apprentice Link web page.



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