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Providing Organic Education Since 1993

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the second annual Harvest Conference, September 11-12th

Pre-conference workshops on the 11th followed by a day of engaging classes on the 12th.

HARVEST CONFERENCE

savor the abundance

[Stay tuned for details!](#)

Gardener's Corner

Ask Ruth



Dear Ruth,

I have been thinking about planting potatoes, but I am not sure how to plant potatoes or when I can plant. What are the basics?

-Oliver in Brevard

Hi Oliver,

Some folks consider **potatoes** a very basic and unexciting crop that doesn't deserve placement in the high-dollar real estate of their garden beds. BUT, when you harvest your first potato crop, you will quickly realize that store bought potatoes can never compete with the **flavor-packed earthiness of a just-dug potato**.

Whether fresh-dug, new potatoes, or stored-for-winter potatoes, I have a great affection for this humble and versatile root crop!

Farmer's Corner

Ask Tom



Dear Tom,

At the Organic Growers School Spring Conference I heard a lot of talk about compost tea. How does it work?

-Jim in Tuxedo

Dear Jim,

Many recipes exist for compost tea but in general compost is put in water for a few hours or a few days to extract the chemicals and sometimes the organisms in compost. Some favor aeration such as with an aquarium aerator in a five gallon bucket. Others prefer an anaerobic solution. Some add nutrients for microbes such as molasses. Some do not.



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Gardeners: Have a question for Ruth?

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at: enews@organicgrowersschool.org

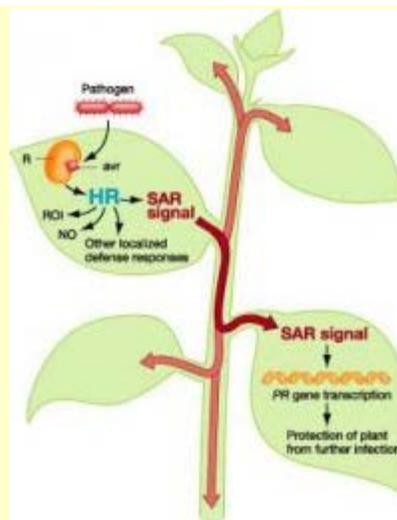
Farmer Survey

Are you a farmer in WNC?

Do farmers need training & support?
We need your input!
Please take our survey....

If you were to create a beginning farmer training course, what would it look like? We're asking the same questions. Over this next year OGS will be helping to design a program, called Farm Pathways, that will blend current beginning farmer training programs in the region with new, comprehensive farm & business planning courses and land access opportunities.

[Take the survey now!](#)



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