

Sustainable Agriculture Conference & Organic Growers School Registration Form and Payment Due Feb. 28, 2007!

I. REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(include nickname, if preferred, for name tag)

Agency: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

III. PAYMENT OPTIONS: *(check one box)*

Cash

Check enclosed and made payable to UAF
 Cooperative Extension Service *(check # _____)*

Credit card *(circle your card)*

MasterCard Visa

Cardholder name: _____
(as it appears on card)

Card number: _____

Expiration: _____ Amount to charge: \$ _____

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(last 3 digits printed in signature section on card)

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II. REGISTRATION FEES: *(fees include lunch)*

Total

\$50 per person for both days _____
 (\$40 for FSWCD cooperators) _____

\$30 per person for one day only *(check box)* _____

Friday, March 30

Saturday, March 31

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____



The UAF Cooperative Extension Service will charge your card the amount indicated above. In the event this amount is incorrect, you will be contacted. CES will confirm your registration via e-mail receipt upon success of transaction. All credit card information is held in strict confidentiality, and an original receipt is available upon request. All questions and concerns should be directed to: UAF Cooperative Extension Service Business Office, P.O. Box 756180, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6180, or call (907) 474-7269.

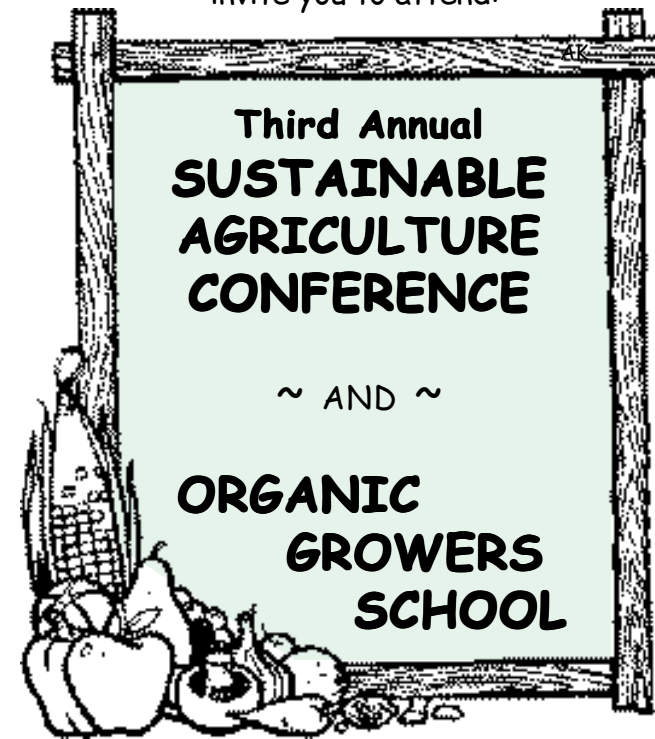
JV from account number: _____
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Purchase order number: _____

Mail your completed registration form and payment to UAF Cooperative Extension Service-Tanana District, P.O. Box 758155, Fairbanks, AK 99775-8155, ATTN: Sustainable Agriculture Conference & Organic Growers School; fax to 907-474-6885; or e-mail to ffmah@uaf.edu.
All registration fees will be refunded for reservations cancelled up to the start of the event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service,
 Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation
 District and Western Region SARE
 invite you to attend:



A two-day workshop for the home gardener
 to the commercial grower, featuring grower
 presentations, panelists and exhibitors!

March 30-31, 2007
Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge
Jade Room
Fairbanks, Alaska



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Friday, March 30, 2007

~ Agenda ~

8:00-8:30 – Registration

8:30-10:00 – Running a Family Organic Farm for 30 Years, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

10:00-10:15 – Break (Be sure to visit exhibitors!)

10:15-10:45 – Preliminary Results of Fishmeal Trials, Mingchu Zhang, UAF Plant, Animal and Soil Sciences

10:45-12:00 – Harmony Valley Farm, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

12:00-1:00 – Lunch on Site

1:00-1:30 – Organic Certification Panel Discussion

1:30-3:00 – Farm Management, Finances and Employees, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

3:00-3:30 – Break (Be sure to visit exhibitors!)

3:30-4:00 – Peonies: Field Grown Cut Flowers for Export Markets, Pat Holloway, UAF Plant, Animal and Soil Sciences/Georgeson Botanical Garden

4:00-4:30 – Introduction to IPM in Alaska, George Hitz, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District

4:30-5:00 – Closing Remarks and Announcements

Saturday, March 31, 2007

~ Agenda ~

8:30-9:30 – Running a CSA, Benefits and Challenges, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

9:30-10:00 – Organic Certification Panel Discussion

10:00-10:15 – Break (Be sure to visit exhibitors!)

10:15-11:30 – Weed Control and Beneficial Insect Habitats, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

11:30-12:00 – Beneficial Insects in Alaska, Aaron M. Hagerty, USDA Agricultural Research Service

12:00-1:00 – Lunch on Site

1:00-2:00 – Equipment Needs and Packing Shed Designs, Richard de Wilde, Harmony Valley Farm

2:00-2:30 – Break (Be sure to visit exhibitors!)

2:30-4:00 – Growers Panel

4:00-4:30 – Closing Remarks and Workshop Evaluation

National Guest Speaker:

**Richard de Wilde,
Harmony Valley Farm, Viroqua, WI**

Harmony Valley is a family-owned, diversified farm with more than 30 years of experience producing high quality organic vegetables and berries. Located in an isolated valley in Southwestern Wisconsin, their silt loam fields are high in organic matter, humus and biological life. The farm receives green cover crops, generous amounts of compost and rock powders. Vegetables are grown and harvested with care, and immediately cooled and kept refrigerated. All products are certified by the Midwest Organic Services Association—the consumer's assurance of high quality, nutritious, flavorful food produced in a system that does not compromise the farmers or the environment.

Harmony Valley is a family farm with a crew that varies with the seasons from four to 15 persons. The home farm consists of 200 acres of woods, pastures and croplands lying along Spring Creek. They also farm additional leased acres bordering the banks of the nearby Bad Axe River for a total of 70 acres of fresh market produce. Crops encompass a wide variety of standard and specialty vegetables and berries. The farm is best known for its season long, high quality salad mix, sauté greens and spinach. In the fall and winter months, they specialize in root crops. Harmony Valley sells its produce through a 400- member CSA, a weekly stall at the Dane County Farmers' Market, retail grocers and wholesale distributors.

The farm also raises high quality black angus on rotationally grazed pastures, finishing them with organic grain. They market their beef by mail off of this site and to their CSA members.

At Harmony Valley Farm, they go beyond basic certified organic farming methods. They have researched and implemented many innovative and cutting edge techniques. To promote soil health and fertility, Richard de Wilde has developed a system of cover cropping with green manures, applying natural rock powders and incorporating compost. To control pests, the farm provides perennial habitat and nesting sites to its allies: raptors, songbirds, bats, wasps and beneficial insects. Their latest research involved studying disease-suppressive properties of soil amended with compost.

Harmony Valley Farm is dedicated to organic farming and believes strongly that it produces the highest quality, best-tasting food while protecting the quality of water and wildlife.

Conference

~ Location & Lodging ~

The Third Annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference and Organic Growers School will be presented at:

**Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge, Jade Room
4477 Pikes Landing Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709**

The discounted room rate for conference attendees is:

**\$69 single/double per night
(plus 8 percent bed tax)**

For accommodations, please contact the hotel at:

1-800-777-1725, Ext. 2

In order to secure the above rate, please request group code **TNB/L7088** at time of booking.

**Registration
~ Information & Contacts ~**

Please send registration form (on reverse side) and check made payable to:

**UAF Cooperative Extension Service
P.O. Box 758155
Fairbanks, AK 99775-8155
ATTN: Sustainable Agriculture Conference &
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For further information, please contact:

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Workshop registration and payment are due:

FEBRUARY 28, 2007!

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

