

students and faculty think through and understand how agricultural policies affect the local and international food economy.

Exploring the appropriate balance between food self-reliance and trade. Why should Ohio's landscape be covered with corn and soybeans for export, with their accompanying soil erosion scars, while we import tasteless food from California and other distant places? How much food trade is OK? These and many other questions are extremely important for everyone to think through.

Forums on current and long-term agricultural issues/problems. There should be frequent public forums and debates held at agricultural schools exploring important current issues such as the Farm Bill, GATT, roots of rural decline, rural-city partnership, etc. Agricultural schools should be facilitators for such debate and dialogues.

Understanding the human element of agriculture. Agriculture involves more than soil chemistry equations and agricultural economics; it involves people, cul-

tural traditions, stewardship ethics, communities, stories, memories. Agricultural education for sustainability should weave these together.

Until now, these educational elements have been provided mostly through private non-profit sustainable agriculture research and education institutions, rural development organizations, and farmer-run associations. The sustainable agriculture programs in agricultural universities, liberal arts colleges, and other agricultural institutions are growing in number and maturity, and have a wealth of talents to create learning environments for a sustainable agriculture.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February through March 18, sustainable agriculture field days will be held throughout Wisconsin; for details, contact Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 801 W. Badger Rd., PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53709-8911; (608)262-6429 or (608)625-2602.

February 18-21, the second *Organic Farm Fresh Table Top Exhibit* will be held in conjunction with Natural Products Expo West '93 in Anaheim, CA; contact Steven Hoffman, New Hope Communications, 1301 Spruce St., Boulder, CO 80302; (303)939-8440.

February 23-25, *Silage Production from Seed to Animal*, sponsored by the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service, will be held in Syracuse, N.Y.; contact NRAES, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Cooperative Extension, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853-5701; (607)255-7654.

February 23-26, *Preserving Our Environment: The Race Is On*, the 24th Annual International Erosion Control Association conference and trade exposition, will be held in Indianapolis, IN; contact IECA, P.O. Box 4904, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-4904; (303)879-3010.

February 26-27, *An American Farmer Can Feed a Nation, But Can He Feed His Family?*, a sustainable agriculture conference sponsored by Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Sustainable Agriculture Project, will be held in Greeley, CO; contact CCWCD, 3209 West 28th St., Greeley, CO 80631; (303)330-4540.

February 27, the annual meeting of the Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society will be held at Central Community College—Platte Campus near Columbus, NE; contact NSAS, Box 736, Hartington, NE 68739; (402)254-2289.

February 27-28, the 14th annual *Ohio Organic Conference* will be held at the Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH; contact Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, 65 Plymouth St., Plymouth, OH 44865; (419)687-7665.

March 1, *Alternative Agriculture Policy: A New Time to Choose*, the 10th annual conference of the Institute for Alternative Agriculture, will be held in Washington, D.C.; contact the IAA, 9200 Edmonston Road, #117, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (301)441-8777.

March 14-16, *The Next Generation of U.S. Agricultural Conservation Policy*, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society, will be held in Kansas City, MO; contact SWCS, 7515 Northeast Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50021-9764; 1-800-THE SOIL.

