Resource Guide to Organic and Sustainable Vegetable Production

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Introduction

Farmers making a transition to sustainable or organic farming need information on a wide variety of topics such as soil management and non-chemical weed and pest management. This guide provides a summary of some of the best in-print and online sources around.

Here it should be noted that farmers raising herbs or field-grown cut flowers face nearly identical production requirements. Thus, when we talk about cover crops or weed control or soil management for vegetables, the same approach will work for field-grown cut flowers and herbs.

Who Should Use This Guide

Farmers and others who work in commercial agriculture—e.g., Extension specialists, NRCS, crop advisors, teachers, and researchers. The focus is heavily oriented to practical approaches to organic and sustainable farming.

How to Use This Guide

Printed books and bulletins are listed first; these are followed by a selection of online resources. In some instances, a Web version corresponds with the book and these have been noted.

Publishers and distributors that sell the books reviewed here are listed in a special section at the end of this resource guide. For details on sales price, shipping expenses, and ordering information, contact the publishers.

About the Use of Web Resources

The Internet has revolutionized the way information is distributed and obtained.

Whereas it used to take several weeks or months to wait for a publication to arrive in the mail, with a few mouse clicks many of these items now instantly appear on your computer screen. Better yet, most of these articles and bulletins are free. In addition, some items—including many Extension Service fact sheets—are available only in electronic form. Thus, some portions of this resource list are more heavily oriented to Web resources than others.

If you have received this resource list but you don’t have a computer at home, please see your local public library for assistance.

How to Read Web Documents

.HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language) means that you can click and read online. The links to other publications are easy to access and go directly to the reference at hand.

.PDF (Portable Document Format) requires Adobe Acrobat Reader to download and is the format that is most easy to print in. You can still usually access links in this format, but it often requires pressing different keys.

What is Sustainable Vegetable Production

For the purpose of an introduction, sustainable agriculture can be characterized as follows:

• Sustainable agriculture is a goal rather than a specific set of farming practices. Progress or movement toward the goal may be viewed as a continuum.

• A sustainable farming system strives to be productive and profitable, while at the same time preserving environmental quality and making efficient use of nonrenewable resources.
• Sustainable agriculture is concerned about the well-being of rural communities and the quality of life for families and farm workers.

• Though biological practices and products are favored over chemical inputs, pesticides and fertilizers may be used within an Integrated Pest Management framework.


The Farmer’s Bookshelf

Here is a selection of some of the best bookshelf resources for the farmer who is just starting out in sustainable or organic production. For-sale books are available from the sources listed in the Publishers & Distributors section. Out-of-print literature and reference titles (mainly in the historical section) are available through interlibrary loan. You can occasionally find these books at used bookstores and online retailers, however.

Books on Sustainable Vegetable Production, Market Gardening, and Commercial Vegetable Production


This is without a doubt the most comprehensive and modern overview on sustainable vegetable production available. Chapters address concepts and terminology associated with sustainable and organic production philosophies, business planning, production practices, business planning, and marketing.


An overview on production practices specifically focused on the South. The book also has crop profiles on individual vegetable crops. The crop profiles provide a nice summary of standard production practices.


A complete how-to-get-started manual on small-scale market gardening. It provides information about the use of walking tractors, wheel hoes, multi-row dibble sticks, soil block transplants, and other tools and techniques that help make market gardening more sustainable and efficient. Eliot Coleman now has an excellent series of season-extension books for farmers, as well.


This is the classic text on the biointensive method of production, which emphasizes double digging, intensive spacing, companion planting, organic soil preparation, and high yields in minimal space. This book is filled with useful information and charts, which are now fully updated and revised.

The Ecology Action Institute, founded by the author, publishes numerous books, DVDs, and research results on topics relating to biointensive production methods, organic fertilizers, cover crops, composts, small-scale production data, etc. For a list of Ecology Action titles, descriptions, and ordering information, see www.growbiointensive.org/.


This book provides information on how to grow and sell vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs and small livestock from a backyard market garden. The book also has a nice section on farm equip-
ment with black-and-white photos. Most of the book is geared to the marketing and business side of market gardening.

This book is an important contribution to the organic market gardening literature because field-grown flowers are a common part of a crop mix for local sales. The most recent full-color edition has been greatly revised and expanded to meet the needs of the more experienced grower. New topics include season extension, growing in hoop-houses, and growing in heated greenhouses. Resources have been completely updated and expanded.

This is one of the standard textbooks on commercial vegetable production. This book serves as a good reference for any commercial vegetable grower, whether organic or conventional. The new edition features new material and increased emphasis on plant growth and development.

A comprehensive manual on vegetable production for commercial growers. The latest edition has a flexible cover for bringing into the field, information on organic production and food safety, and Web resources.

This publication provides tips from sellers and managers including choosing what products to grow for farmers markets, and how to market those products. It also contains information on how to use farmers markets to garner community support for sustainable agriculture.

This crop-rotation publication includes 13 sample crop rotations, tips from expert farmers, 18 tables, 25 sidebars, worksheets, and references.

Specialty, Ethnic, and Minor Vegetable Crops

Specialty vegetables include baby vegetables, heirlooms, colored varieties, and ethnic vegetables. Some farmers raise these crops for sale at farmers markets, ethnic grocery stores, and restaurants.

This is a textbook on vegetables produced around the world, with comprehensive coverage of specialty and minor vegetable crops. This book is very expensive and should be looked at through an interlibrary loan before purchasing.

This is a beautiful publication from University of California that provides brief fact sheets for about 63 minor vegetables. Each crop is summarized with a color photo, market information, cultural information, seed sources, and a bibliography.

The New Crops symposia are held semi-annually and the proceedings are published. They contain a wealth of information on new, specialty, and ethnic crops. All volumes are available for sale in print. They are also available online in PDF format. The most recent is Issues in New Crops and New Uses: Proceedings from the sixth National Symposium (2007), Creating Markets for Economic Development of New Crops and New Uses.

A wealth of resources from the National Agricultural Library containing bibliographical material, resource organizations and seed sources, and historical documentation.

This volume explores 23 fruits that are rela-
tively unknown in commerce, including paw-paw, jujube, hardy kiwi, and Asian pear.

NewCROP
www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/default.html
The NewCROP website is sponsored by the Center for New Crops & Plant Products at Purdue University. It provides extensive access to new and specialty crop profiles.

Historical Literature on Organic Agriculture
Organic agriculture has a rich history of farmers, researchers, and philosophers writing about sustainable agriculture practices. As an introduction, four classic titles that provide historical perspective are listed below.


Moderne Literature on Organic Farming
There are numerous sources of information on farming organically. ATTRA has several resources on individual crops. When sustainable agriculture became a priority topic for the USDA, land-grant universities, and non-profit institutions in the 1980s, cover crops were one of the first items to receive significant attention. Considerable time and energy have gone into cover crop research, on-farm trials, and information dissemination.

Some of the key players that helped generate this new material on cover crops include the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN), the University of California, and the Rodale Institute.

The following resources describe the history and production values of organic farming.


Organic Farming. 1990. By Nicolas Lampkin. Farming Press, Ipswich, United Kingdom. Nicolas Lampkin is on the faculty at the Welsh Institute of Rural Studies associated with The University of Wales. Organic Farming is the most prominent effort by a university professor to address organic agriculture. In addition, the European ecological and organic farming literature—which Lampkin heavily draws upon—is a rich source of information.


Literature on Sustainable and Alternative Farming Systems
Ecological farming systems—Organic Farming, Biodynamic Farming, Permaculture, Eco-Farming, Nature Farming—evolved as an alternative to chemically intensive agriculture. Each offers its own brand of philosophy and practical farming methodologies. Here are some noteworthy titles. See the publishers’ catalogs and website listings at the end of this guide for a comprehensive look at what’s available.


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**Eco-Farming**


**Permaculture**


**Biodynamic Farming**


**Natural Farming**


**Nature Farming**

*Beneficial and Effective Microorganisms for a Sustainable Agriculture and Environment*. 1994. Dr. Teruo Higa and Dr. James F. Parr. www.agriton.nl/higa.html


**Organic Farming Primer**

*What Is Organic Vegetable Production?*

In a nutshell, organic farming is based on the following approaches and production inputs:

- Strict avoidance of synthetic fertilizers and synthetic pesticides
- Crop rotations, crop residues, mulches
- Animal manures and composts
- Cover crops and green manures
- Organic fertilizers and soil amendments
- Biostimulants, humates, and seaweeds
- Compost teas and herbal teas
- Marine, animal, and plant by-products
- Biorational, microbial, and botanical pesticides, and other natural pest control products
Organic Certification

In the 1970s and 1980s, organic certification emerged as a marketing tool to assure consumers that foods labeled organic were grown to specified standards of production, including strict avoidance of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. In April 2001, the USDA released the Final Rule of the National Organic Program. This federal law stipulates exactly what a grower can and cannot do to produce and market a product as organic.

Application for certification must be made, paperwork completed, fees paid, and annual inspections undergone through a USDA approved certifier. To get an organic label, farms must be inspected and approved by an accredited organic certification program. Private (such as Oregon Tilth, California Certified Organic Farmers) and government (such as Texas Department of Agriculture, Washington State Department of Agriculture) organic certification programs exist.

To learn more about the details of the organic certification process, see the publication Organic Certification, jointly produced by ATTRA and USDA National Organic Program. https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/viewhtml.php?id=152

The following list identifies some notable national and regional certifiers.

**USDA National Organic Program**
www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/nop
This is the official USDA website for the National Organic Program (NOP), with links to the Final Rule and other organic regulations.

**USDA Accredited Certifying Agents (ACAs)**
http://tinyurl.com/NOPcert
For an up-to-date list of accredited certifiers, check out this USDA-NOP certifier list.

**Regional Organic Certifiers and Certification Resources**

- **California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)**
  831-423-2263
  ccof@ccof.org
  www.ccof.org/standards.php

  CCOF is one of the premier organic certification organizations in the United States. CCOF Certification Standards are available on the website above.

- **Organic Crop Improvement Association**
  www.ocia.org/

  OCIA was one of the first major certification programs. It is accredited to certify internationally.

- **Minnesota Guide to Organic Certification**
  www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/cropsystems/DC8497.html

- **Midwest Organic Services Association**
  608-637-2526
  Fax: 608-637-7032
  mosa@mosaorganic.org
  www.mosaorganic.org/

  MOSA is a non-profit organic certification agency based in the Midwest.

- **Texas Department of Agriculture-Organic Certification**
  512-936-4178
  Organic@TexasAgriculture.gov
  www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/Organics.aspx

  Texas has a state certification program through the Department of Agriculture. The program certifies organic producers, processors, distributors, and retailers.

- **Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association, Certification Services, LLC**
  207-568-4142
  http://mofgacertification.org/

  Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) has been certifying organic farmers since 1972 and is one of the country’s oldest certification programs. The LLC was formed in 2002 to provide USDA-
accredited organic certification services to farmers and food processors.

Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)
www.nofa.org/chapters.php
NOFA has many state chapters, many of which have accredited certification services. The link above will help you find a NOFA chapter in Northeast and New England states.

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Organic Food Program
360-902-1805
organic@agr.wa.gov
http://agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/organic/
The WSDA Organic Food Program inspects livestock and crop producers, processors handlers, and retailers.

Baystate Organic Certifiers-New England
401-835-2210
ehanson@baystateorganic.org
www.baystateorganic.org/
This USDA National Organic Program accredited certifying agent certifies farm operations in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States, and processing operations in the Continental United States.

Organic Marketing Information

The organic market continues to grow, albeit at a slower pace than in recent years. Organic fruits and vegetables, which represent 12 percent of all U.S. fruit and vegetable sales, reached nearly $10.6 billion in 2010 (Organic Trade Association, 2011 U.S. Organic Industry Overview). When evaluating a new enterprise or production model, it is important to consider the market.

The resources listed below will help you develop an organic marketing assessment for your farm.


Briefing Room: Organic Agriculture
USDA Economic Research Service
www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/organic/
This briefing room covers the scope of ERS work on organic agriculture and provides economic research, analysis, and information about the production and marketing of organic products.

This study analyzes the most recent data available to examine each level of the organic supply chain.

An overview of organic certification processes as well as the necessary management and marketing aspects of organic production.

Organic Price Report
This report can be configured to show organic prices only or to compare organic and conventional wholesale prices at the current market rates. Prices of fruit, vegetables, and grains are listed in six different wholesale terminals across the United States.

General Vegetable Marketing, Industry, and Statistics Information

This 255-page manual covers some of the issues more specific to the produce wholesale industry, such as building relationships, food
safety, post-harvest handling, packing and grading standards, fulfilling orders, record-keeping and billing. The book also includes harvesting, cooling, storing, and packing information on 103 different fruits and vegetables. Order online or call 708-763-9920.

**USDA Terminal Market Report**
http://tinyurl.com/3znaeuf

The USDA Terminal Market Report lists current wholesale prices online.

**Grading, Certification, and Verification: Quality Standards**
By USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
www.ams.usda.gov/AMSw1.0/standards

USDA quality standards are based on measurable attributes that describe the value and utility of the product. This Web resource provides information for quality standards by commodity.

**USDA-AMS Fruit & Vegetable Market Reports**
By USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service.
www.ams.usda.gov/AMSw1.0/fv

Agricultural Marketing Services helps buyers and sellers market their perishable products in the most efficient manner possible through distribution channels.

**USDA Economics, Statistics, and Market Information System**
http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/homepage.do

This website contains nearly 2,500 reports and datasets on agricultural topics, including economics.

**Vegetable Growers News and Vegetable Growers News Buyers’ Guide**
www.vegetablegrowersnews.com/

A trade journal for vegetable growers for industry news and information. Published 12 times per year, plus an annual buyers’ guide. See website for subscription information, or call 616-887-9008.

**The Packer**
866-647-0918
online@thepacker.com
www.thepacker.com/

The Packer is the national weekly business newspaper of the produce industry.

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**Selected Vegetable Production Materials on the Web**

Many state university Extension services have developed annual and semi-annual production guides for a variety of vegetable crops. Many states are now including organic vegetable guides, which are listed below.

**General Vegetable Production Resources**

www.ca.uky.edu/agec/pubs/id/id36/id36.htm

A general vegetable production guide, published by the University of Kentucky.


Includes recommendations for disease, insect, and weed control. In addition, information on soil management, testing, and fertility has been expanded. The guide is updated semi-annually.
Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers. Purdue University Extension Service. www.brny.purdue.edu/Pubs/ID/ID-56/
A 163-page production guide for Midwest commercial growers. There is a section on organic production. Updated annually.

UC-Davis Vegetable Research and Information Center. http://vric.ucdavis.edu/
Research-based information on production and economics from California—mainly the central valley.

Commercial Vegetable Production in Wisconsin. University of Wisconsin.
http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3422.pdf
This resource provides the latest recommendations for disease, insect, and weed pest management, as well as lime and fertilizer recommendations. It is updated annually and available for a nominal price if by postal mail or for free if you download and print it yourself.

www.extento.hawaii.edu/kbase/crop/crops/vegetabl.htm
This website offers production information on over 30 crops.

This 300+-page guide provides information based on multistage research results and extension programs.

Organic Vegetable Production Guides and Resources

ATTTRA’s Organic Vegetable Production Series
https://attra.ncat.org/organic.html
Web links to ATTTRA’s various organic vegetable production publications.

These organic production guides outline general organic production practices with a focus on biological, mechanical, and cultural controls. Updated semi-annually.

A good general overview of nutrient and pest management principles. It is not crop-specific.

This manual provides detailed information for growers on how to farm vegetables organically, addressing the essential topics for growing organic vegetables successfully. There is a charge for this publication. Place an order by phone at 800-994-8849.

The Extension service website on organic vegetable production. It offers resources on organic pest management, post harvest handling, and biological controls in Florida.


A general overview of organic sweet corn production, from organic production basics to pest management.

Information on organic production, marketing and business management.

Succession Planting
Successful farmers and marketers need to plan for several successions of crops in order to provide a consistent supply. The ATTTRA publication Scheduling Vegetable Plantings for Continuous Harvest is a good resource.


You can also access a downloadable planting calendar in Excel spreadsheet at this website.

Postharvest Handling and Food Safety

GAPs—just what does that mean? GAPs stands for Good Agriculture Practices and it is a self-moderated food safety standard that can be employed on vegetable farms. With more and more national and state regulation in this realm, it is important to consider your food safety standards on your farm. GAPs is a good and fairly simple approach to doing this. The ATTRA publication An Illustrated Guide to Growing Safe Produce on your Farm is a good initial resource on this topic. It also contains many state and regional resources.


This is a practical guide to developing on-farm food safety practices.

Cornell National GAPs Program
www.gaps.cornell.edu/

This program includes online classes on this topic, as well as many resources. There is a fee to attend the class.


This center aims to reduce postharvest losses and improve the quality, safety and marketability of fresh horticultural products. The center has also produced postharvest produce fact sheets in several different languages, available at http://postharvest.ucdavis.edu/producefacts/.

Season Extension and Hoop Houses


This publication describes various season-extension techniques, such as cultural practices, high tunnels, and hoophouses, and provides sources for equipment, supplies, and further information.

Two season extension tools in action at Gallatin Valley Botanical Farm, Bozeman, Montana. Photo: NCAT


High Tunnels.org
www.hightunnels.org

An online resource on high tunnel production, design, and construction.


This publication discusses the basics of plastic mulches, as well as the benefits, disadvantages, varieties, and required soil preparation.

Pennsylvania State University Center for Plasticulture. http://extension.psu.edu/plasticulture

This center has information and resources on growing vegetables using plastic in various ways, such as mulch, hoophouses, and drip irrigation.
Practical Equipment and Harvesting Tips for Vegetable Farmers


This project has produced many tip sheets about work-efficiency methods that improve health, safety, and profits for nursery growers, dairy, fresh market vegetable, and berry farmers.


Economics of Organic and Sustainable Vegetable Production

Farmers often overlook a very important side of farming—business management. Knowing how much your cropping systems cost can help you be more efficient and profitable. An enterprise budget is an estimate of the costs and returns to produce a product (enterprise). The following resources can help provide you with templates and resources to be a better farm business manager.


Using his three decades of organic farming experience, Wiswall provides information on how to evaluate which crops are most profitable on your farm. He also provides easy recordkeeping and business-management tips, employee and farm management considerations, and information on what to do with your profits.


This California report is the best effort to date toward estimating costs and returns on organic vegetable production. Start here to read background information on production practices and economic data. The information is dated but still very applicable to many organic farmers.


It is difficult to find recent cost-return data on organic vegetables. These tables are reasonably up-to-date.


The estimated costs and returns from these budgets are based on a long-term study conducted at an Iowa State University research farm in southwestern Iowa. The data was modified to more accurately reflect average Iowa results as indicated by organic farmers who reviewed the budgets.


Current Cost and Return Studies
http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu/current.php

This link provides up-to-date access to production-cost tables for different vegetable enterprises, cover crops, and equipment. All are accessible as PDF downloads. There are some organic crops featured here, mainly conventional vegetable and fruit crops. Also available are archived versions of cost-return studies with many organic vegetable crops.

University of Kentucky Crop Budgets. University of Kentucky. www.uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/budgets.html

Sample budgets for a wide range of crops.

Economics of Organic Vegetable Production: Record Keeping


Market Farm Forms is a 95-page book and diskette containing Excel spreadsheet tem-
Farmer often overlook a very important side of farming—business management. Knowing how much your cropping systems cost can help you be more efficient and profitable.

Magazines and Newsletters on Vegetable Production and Market Gardening

Commercial Grower Magazines

American Vegetable Grower
12 issues per year
Meister Media Worldwide
800-572-7740
www.meistermedia.com/publications/vegetable.html
This magazine provides insight on field, greenhouse and organic production, marketing, new varieties, and new products.

The Grower
9 issues per year
866-512-9515
www.thegrower.com/
A production magazine mainly for conventional vegetable growers. The publishers also distribute The Packer and Citrus+Vegetable.

Growing for Market
10 issues per year
800-307-8949
www.growingformarket.com/
One of the premier magazines for small and medium-scale market gardeners.

The Vegetable Growers News
Great American Publishing
616-887-9008
frontdesk@greatamericanpublish.com
http://vegetablegrowersnews.com/index.php

Vegetable Crops Hotline
A newsletter for commercial vegetable growers prepared by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service

VegNet News. Ohio State University Extension
http://vegnet.osu.edu/news/newslist.htm
Monthly newsletter that discusses timely information on vegetable production. Organized online by month but searchable by topic.

Vegetable Notes. UMass Extension
http://extension.umass.edu/vegetable/publications/vegetable-notes-newsletter
During the growing season, each issue contains timely, field-based information and pest alerts. Weekly in the summer months and monthly in spring, fall, and winter.

Organic Grower Magazines

Acres U.S.A.
12 issues per year
512-892-4400
orders@acresusa.com
www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm

Biodynamics
Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association, Inc.
888-516-7797
info@biodynamics.com
www.biodynamics.com/

The Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener
Quarterly Newsletter of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association.
207-568-4142
jenglish@tidewater.net

Crop Planning & Record Keeping Spreadsheets for Diversified Vegetable Farms
413-253-7991
info@brookfieldfarm.org
www.brookfieldfarm.org/CropPlanning.cfm
Includes cropping plans, field plan, planting schedule, seed order, greenhouse schedule, harvest record, field record, and plate sizes for seeders. $25; available in Microsoft Excel and Works.

FARMING: Resource Guide to Organic and Sustainable Vegetable Production
Databases and Directory
Links to Sustainable Vegetable Crop Production

**MAC Link List—Missouri Alternatives Center**
MAC Link List is the Missouri Alternatives Center list of hot links to fact sheets and Extension guide sheets on dozens of topics relating to alternative crop and livestock production, small farming, and sustainable agriculture. [http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac/links/index.htm](http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac/links/index.htm)

**Ohio State University PlantFacts**
Last update 2002
PlantFacts is a keyword-searchable fact sheet database on plant-related topics (cultivation, pest control, soils, vegetables) compiled by Ohio State University. [http://plantfacts.osu.edu/](http://plantfacts.osu.edu/)

The ATTRA Research Directory offers links to prominent agriculture bibliographical and full-text databases, agricultural directories, library catalogs, library resource guides, electronic journals, and search engines on the Internet. Though last updated in 2003, this resource is still very useful.

Vegetable information is divided into the following categories: general information, insects, diseases, intensive gardening, organic, and specific plants.

**Publishers and Book Distributors**

**Acres U.S.A.**
800-355-5313
orders@acresusa.com
[www.acresusa.com/books/books.asp](http://www.acresusa.com/books/books.asp)
Wide selection of books on organic and sustainable production.

**Back40Books**
866-596-9982
[www.back40books.com/](http://www.back40books.com/)
Many sustainable farming and homesteading books.

**BioCycle/JG Press, Inc.**
610-967-1345
biocycle@jgpress.com
[www.biocycle.net/](http://www.biocycle.net/)
Publisher of BioCycle magazine and related publications on composting and organic waste management.

**Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association**
888-516-7797
[www.biodynamics.com/products.html](http://www.biodynamics.com/products.html)
Wide selection of titles on biodynamic and organic farming.

**Chelsea Green Publishing Co.**
800-639-4099
[www.chelseagreen.com/](http://www.chelseagreen.com/)
Offers an array of books, such as *The New Organic Grower* and *Four-Season Harvest* by Eliot Coleman, and *The Flower Farmer*, by Lynn Byczynski, among other authors.
Focus Publishing
800-848-7236
http://focusbookstore.com/search.aspx?find=vegetable
Publisher of Sustainable Practices for Vegetable Production in the South, $34.95.

Plant and Life Science Publishing
607-255-7654
PALSpublishing@cornell.edu
Distributor of Sustainable Vegetable Production From Start-Up to Market; On-Farm Composting; Crop Rotations on Organic Farms.

The Permaculture Activist
812-335-0383
books@permacultureactivist.net
www.permacultureactivist.net/booksvid/BooksnVid.htm
Books on permaculture, small farming, and organic production.

Rodale Press
215-967-5171
www.rodale.com/
The Rodale Press Bookstore carries an extensive collection of gardener-audience books on organic gardening, soils, pest control, vegetables, and herbs.

Storey/Garden Way Publishing
800-242-7737
www.storey.com/
Books on small farming and organic production.

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education-Outreach
301-374-9696
sarepubs@sare.org
www.sare.org/publications/index.htm
Distributor of Sustainable Agriculture Network books and publications: Managing Cover Crops Profitably; Steel in the Field; Building Soils for Better Crops.