

## Soon to be available!! Organic Farming on the Prairies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

The finished product brings 350 pages of top quality information, compiled by more than 25 authors, reviewed by numerous experts, both farmers and scientists, as well as a final editorial committee, and finally polished by Brenda Frick with an eye to relevance, accuracy and readability. Here is a brief synopsis of what you will find:

**Chapter One** – Introduction (A brief history of the project and of organics on the prairies)

**Chapter Two** – Principles of Organic Production (What is ‘Organic’ and why should I care?; Soil as the Foundation of sound agriculture; Living with Weeds; Integrating Pest Management; Understanding Disease Cycles; Dealing with Vertebrate Pests)

**Chapter Three** – Organic Field Crops (Crop Profiles; Specific sections on soil conservation, and on dealing with weeds, insects, diseases and pests)

**Chapter Four** – Organic Fruit Production (General Orchard Management; Specific sections on apples, sour cherries, saskatoons, blue honeysuckle or haskap, raspberries and strawberries)

**Chapter Five** – Organic Vegetable Production (Site selection; Specific sections on soil conservation, and on dealing with weeds, insects, diseases and pests; Specific sections on each stage of production, including seeding, transplanting, irrigating, pollination, climate modification, choosing crops and cultivars, and storage)

**Chapter Six** – Organic Livestock Production (Importance of livestock in organic farming systems, marketing livestock products; Animal welfare, and animal health; Specific recommendations for beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep and poultry; Slaughter and processing)

**Chapter Seven** – Marketing Organic Products (Markets and prices; Local Marketing Options; Developing a Marketing Plan; Export assistance; Grain: Canadian Wheat Board, Canadian Grain Commission)

**Chapter Eight** – Farm Profiles (Successful farmers share their perspectives, techniques and advice for making it work)

**Chapter Nine** – Business Profiles (It takes more excellent product to make a farm successful. Here producers share their innovative and effective approaches to managing an organic business)

**Chapter Ten** – Following through (This section lists references, recommends further resources, and includes a list of abbreviations and an index)