Sustainable Farming Association
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For more information about the SFA network, the CornerPost newsletter, or a chapter near you, contact:

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Farmer to Farmer
Farmers: Agriculture’s Experts
Mission:
The Sustainable Farming Association (SFA) recognizes the wisdom within ourselves and our communities to find ways of farming that are economically viable and ecologically sound. In the spirit of cooperation we offer mutual support and fellowship to strengthen our families and communities. Our diversity enhances the sharing of resources, new ideas and approaches to farming.

Aims and Purposes:
* To develop a support group for family farmers to acquire knowledge and understanding of economically and environmentally sound practices of production farming.
* To support this group through newsletter, farm tours, seminars, on-farm meetings, and research opportunities.
* To serve as a vehicle for information sharing about farming methods, without endorsing commercial products.
* To support and encourage extension and university research programs that promote sustainable agriculture.
* To promote farming as a positive way of life.

Structure:
The SFA is a farmer-run, nonprofit organization based in Minnesota. The SFA was founded in 1988 in southeast Minnesota by farmers wishing to create an information-sharing network about sustainable farming practices. It is our belief that farmers are experts in agriculture. Farmers, better than anyone, can inform each other what is needed to sustain our farms and communities.

By 1989, there were two SFA chapters which decided to incorporate into an independent, statewide organization. This provided a structure for the development of new SFA chapters.

Each chapter has a Board of Directors. Each chapter also has two board representatives on a State Board of Directors. The State Board oversees the SFA legal structure, integrity, and financial reporting. The Board also serves as an idea and resource sharing body between the chapters, coordinates the Cornerpost newsletter, assists with chapter development strategies, and plans the State Annual Meeting.

We do not believe farmers can go it alone as we search for the path to a sustainable agriculture and sustainable rural communities. We must join together, in equal partnership, with other organizations and institutions. SFA is currently engaged in or exploring partnerships with the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, Kellogg Foundation, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society, Land Stewardship Project, U.S.D.A., Minnesota Project, University of Minnesota Southwest Experiment Station, and others.

We welcome all people committed to safe and sustainable farming systems and communities. Our membership is not denied to any person because of race, color or creed.

SFA Membership Application

Please enclose annual membership fee of $20.00*. Members will be assigned to the chapter nearest their home. (*Some chapters may charge slightly more.)

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