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The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) works toward a diverse agricultural industry that is profitable and environmentally sound; protects public health and safety regarding food and agricultural products; and ensures orderly commerce in agricultural and food products. Its Sustainable Agriculture and IPM Program demonstrates and promotes alternative agricultural practices that are energy efficient, environmentally sound, and profitable, and that enhance the creativity and self-sufficiency of Minnesota farmers. www.mda.state.mn.us/esap

Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA)
MISA is a partnership between the University of Minnesota's College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Science and the Sustainers' Coalition, a group of individuals and community-based nonprofit organizations. MISA's purpose is to bring together the agricultural community and the University community in a cooperative effort to develop and promote sustainable agriculture in Minnesota and beyond. www.misa.umn.edu

Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS)
The Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) is a sustainable agriculture research center at the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The Center was created to build UW sustainable agriculture research programs that respond to farmer and citizen needs, and involve them in setting research agendas. This means that human relationships are at the core of everything we do. CIAS staff members work with citizen and faculty partners to create flexible, multidisciplinary research in emerging areas. www.cias.wisc.edu

Michigan Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS)
MIFFS is a statewide, non-profit organization whose purpose is to improve Michigan's triple bottom line: our economy, our environment, and the social well-being of our communities through sustainable agriculture initiatives.

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SFA is a nonprofit farmer organization that encourages Minnesota farmers to implement innovative, ecologically sound, and prosperous farming systems that contribute to the good health of people, farms, and communities. SFA supports the development and enhancement of sustainable farming systems through farmer-to-farmer networking, innovation, demonstration, and education. www.sfa-mn.org