



Information Sheet No. TIS2

Literature about organic growing in the tropics

The titles listed below give a global perspective and information about growing in the tropics. Prices have been quoted where known and apply for 2000. Postage and package should be added.

GENERAL

Field Notes on Organic Farming (1994) JW Njoroge.

Introduces some of the ideas and techniques of organic farming. Gives practical information.

Available from:

Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF)

PO Box 34972

Nairobi, KENYA

Email: kiof@iconnect.co.ke

AGRODOK Series

Agrodoks are booklets containing information on a number of small-scale farming activities in the tropics. The booklets are easy to understand, contain plenty of illustrations, and are available in English and French with some titles in Spanish.

Agrodoks are available from CTA and a list of current titles is available on request. They are free to African, Caribbean and Pacific countries:

Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA)

Postbus 380

6700 AJ Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS

Email: cta@cta.nl

Sustainable Agriculture Practices and Technologies: Guidelines for farmers (1997).

This information kit contains 31 informative and practical information sheets on topics such as soil fertility management, soil and water conservation and crop husbandry.

Available from:

Africa 2000 Network

UNDP

PO Box 7184

Kampala, UGANDA

Regenerative Agricultural Technologies - Trainors Kit (1990).

This information kit contains 56 practical information sheets on a variety of topics such as soil fertility improvement measures, soil conservation and natural crop protection.

Available from:

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction

YC James Yen Center

Silang

Cavite 4118

Philippines

Tel: 63-46-414 2417

Fax: 63-46-414 2420

Email: iirr@phil.gn.apc.org

IIRR have offices in Africa (Kenya), Latin America (Quito, Ecuador), the Philippines (Manila) and the USA (New York). Contact details are available from the address opposite.

Production without Destruction (1995) HL Vukasin, L Roos, NHD Spicer, M Davies

The book aims to support training in and implement ecologically sound and productive use of resources in agriculture. Areas covered include soil and water management, pest and disease control, dryland cropping and animal husbandry.

Available from:
Natural Farming Network
PO Box CY 301, Causeway, Harare
ZIMBABWE

Farming for the Future - an Introduction to Low External Input and Sustainable Agriculture (1992) C Reijntjes, B Haverkort and A Waters-Bayer ISBN 0 333 57011 1

Based on work carried out by the Centre for Research and Information Exchange in Ecologically Sound Agriculture (ILEIA), the central concern of the book is how development workers can assist small-scale farmers in making the best use of low-cost local resources to solve their agricultural problems.

Available at £7.50 from:
Intermediate Technology Publications
103-105 Southampton Row
London WC1B 4HH
UK
Email: orders@itpubs.org.uk

CROP PRODUCTION

Fruit and Vegetable Production in Warm Climates (1987) RP Rice, LW Rice and HD Tindall. ISBN 0 333 46850 3

Crops discussed within the framework of African systems and including the main indigenous types.

Available from:
Macmillan Distribution
Poundmills
Basingstoke
Hampshire RG21 6XS
UK

Macmillan have several offices worldwide. For details of your nearest office please contact the address opposite.

African Gardens and Orchards; Growing Vegetables and Fruit (1989) H Dupriez and P de Leener. ISBN 0 333 49076 2

This book covers the principles and practices of growing vegetables and fruits in the tropics and subtropics. It describes the requirements of these crops, the techniques of cultivation, and full details of a very wide range of local and exotic vegetables and fruits.

Available at £14.95 from:
Intermediate Technology Publications
103-105 Southampton Row
London WC1B 4HH
UK
Email: orders@itpubs.org.uk

Food from Dryland Gardens (1991) DA Cleveland and D Soleri. ISBN 0 9627997 0 X

This book encourages gardens that serve local needs, that are based on local knowledge, and that conserve natural resources and the biological diversity of natural crops. It was written for field workers, extension agents, students, project workers, and programme planners.

Available from:
Centre for People, Food and Environment (CPFE)
344 South Third Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701

USA

COMPOSTING AND SOIL MANAGEMENT

Soil Management: Compost Production and Use in Tropical and Subtropical Environments FAO Soils Bulletin 56 (1987) Dalzell et al. ISBN 92 5 102553 3

A training manual for extension workers and teachers. Aims to promote the use of locally available organic material for the improvement of soil fertility.

The FAO Soils Bulletins can be purchased locally through FAO sales agents or directly from:
Distribution and Sales Section
FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla
00100 Rome
ITALY

PEST CONTROL

Natural Crop Protection Based on Local Farm Resources in the Tropics and Subtropics (1986) G Stoll. ISBN 3 924333 43 2

Very useful book on natural pest and disease control based on local expertise. Gives practical advice about the protection of crops in field and store using natural resources.

Available at £17.95 from:
Intermediate Technology Publications
103-105 Southampton Row
London WC1B 4HH
UK
Email: orders@itpubs.org.uk

Natural Pest and Disease Control (1995) H Elwell and A Mass. ISBN 0 7974 1429 0

This is a very practical book giving many recipes using a variety of plants and products for controlling pests and diseases.

Available from:
Natural Farming Network
PO Box CY 301, Causeway
Harare
Zimbabwe

AGROFORESTRY

Agroforestry Technology Information Kit (1990)

This is an information kit consisting of 62 very practical information sheets on agroforestry-related topics. The sheets are well-illustrated and are clearly written.

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International Institute of Rural Reconstruction
Y.C. James Yen Center
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Cavite 4118
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Tel: 63-46-414 2417
Fax: 63-46-414 2420
Email: iirr@phil.gn.apc.org

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A Tree for all Reasons - The Introduction and Evaluation of Multipurpose Trees for Agroforestry
(1991) PJ Wood and J Burley ISBN 92 9059 075 0

Provides guidance for the use of trees and shrubs in agroforestry.

Available from:
International Centre for Research into Agroforestry (ICRAF)
United Nations Avenue
PO Box 30677, Nairobi
Kenya

Preparing to Plant Tropical Trees. Tropical Trees: Propagation and Planting Manuals. Vol. 4. (1995)
KA Longman ISBN 0 85092 418 9

Provides practical, illustrated guidelines to encourage planting and care of trees from nursery to field.

Available from:
Commonwealth Secretariat Publications
Marlborough House, Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
UK

Good Tree Nursery Practice (1999) H Jaenicke ISBN 92 9059 1307

This book covers all aspects of raising nursery stock with lists of contacts and nursery suppliers.

Available from ICRAF at the above address.

Propagating Plants: An Organic Approach (1998) Famidzani Permaculture Centre ISBN 0 86922 726 2

This book provides accessible information on the principles and practices of plant propagation using low external inputs and organic techniques.

Available from The Natural Farming Network at the above address.

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