

## Recommended Agriculture Resources

### Adventist Agriculture Resources

#### EG White Compilations on Agriculture:

- **Hope in the Soil.** This book takes a “big picture” look at the place for “working the soil” in the Christian experience. [https://www.amazon.com/Hope-Soil-Compilation-Agriculture-Gardening/dp/1517655501/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1469458557&sr=1-1&keywords=hope+in+the+soil](https://www.amazon.com/Hope-Soil-Compilation-Agriculture-Gardening/dp/1517655501/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1469458557&sr=1-1&keywords=hope+in+the+soil)
- **The Greenprint.** A comprehensive collection of EG White statements on agriculture organized *chronologically*. <https://www.amazon.com/Greenprint-David-M-Obermiller/dp/0692571744>
- **Counsels on Agriculture.** A comprehensive collection of EG White statements on agriculture organized *topically*. <http://www.teachservices.com/counsels-on-agriculture-white-ellen-g-dysinger-john-paperback-lsi/>

#### Adventist Agriculture Learning Opportunities:

- The Adventist Agriculture Association. Formed to promote agriculture among Adventists, with an *Annual Conference* for farmers, wanna-be farmers, home gardeners and anyone interested. Go to: [www.adventistag.org](http://www.adventistag.org) to get details on the up-coming January 2017 conference.
- For one week on-site trainings, go to <http://www.bereagardens.org/school.html> Bob Gregory is an Agronomist with much knowledge and experience to share. His training is mostly classroom based, intense and in-depth. Located in West Virginia.
- We also do one week trainings (Intro to Organic Gardening; Winter Gardening; and Market Gardening) at Bountiful Blessings Farm, near Nashville, TN that are a 50/50 mix of classroom instruction and on farm work experience. For more information you can contact: Edwin Dysinger, 931-797-5781 or [eddysinger@gmail.com](mailto:eddysinger@gmail.com).
- For information on six month apprenticeship trainings at Bountiful Blessings Farm, near Nashville, TN, contact: John Dysinger, 931-797-7643. [7dysingers@gmail.com](mailto:7dysingers@gmail.com) John has been doing a CSA market garden for over 15 years.
- For online garden training and resources, visit: [www.borntogrow.net](http://www.borntogrow.net) Many free tips and resources are available here as well as training courses on a subscription basis. An outgrowth of Bountiful Blessings Farm.

For more garden training visit: [www.borntogrow.net](http://www.borntogrow.net)

## Other Recommended Agriculture Resources

- *The New Organic Grower*, by Eliot Coleman. This is an older, but very useful book giving the fundamentals of good organic gardening for home or market. All other books by Eliot Coleman are highly recommended as well (*Four Season Harvest* and *Winter Harvest Handbook*). Eliot Coleman farms on the coast of Maine.
- *The Market Gardener*, by Jean-Martin Fortier. JM is a farmer in Quebec who is making a six digit income on 1.5 acre. His website is a goldmine of information; with his book and a documentary film available, as well as recommendations for his favorite tools. [www.themarketgardener.com/](http://www.themarketgardener.com/)

***Favorite Seed Sources.*** All of these companies have taken the “Safe Seed Pledge” which promises that they will not knowingly sell GMO contaminated seed:

- [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com) The Johnnys catalogue is a resource in itself, much more than just seeds - it is full of growing information, tools and other growing resources. Located in Maine.
- [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com) An all organic seed catalogue with very useful growing information. Located in Vermont.
- [www.southernexposure.com](http://www.southernexposure.com) A Virginia based seed company emphasizing seeds for the hot, humid southeast, and open pollinated seeds.
- [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com) The website for Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, selling only heirloom and open pollinated seed. Has many rare and unusual seeds. Located in MO.
- [www.territorialseeds.com](http://www.territorialseeds.com) A good seed company located in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.
- [www.groworganic.com](http://www.groworganic.com) The online home of Peaceful Valley Farm and Garden Supply. A good source of organic seeds as well as organic growing supplies, amendments, tools, etc. Located in Grass Valley, California, near Sacramento.

***Favorite Basic Garden Tools for the Home Grower and Market Gardener.*** All of the websites mentioned below are also good resources for other tools and information.

- *Collinear Hoe.* A light weight hoe for cultivation of just germinated weed seeds. Also good for precision cultivation next to plants and under leaves. [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)
- *Stirrup Hoe.* A heavier duty hoe that works with reciprocal action, allowing you to be productive with both “push” and “pull” motions. Comes with 3.25”, 5” and 7” size blades. If you can only afford one, I would recommend the 5 inch blade. If you can only afford either a stirrup hoe or a collinear hoe, get the stirrup hoe. [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com); [www.hosstools.com](http://www.hosstools.com)
- *Spading/Digging Fork.* A strong fork with a lifetime warrantee. Used for breaking up hard, compacted ground in bed preparation and for harvesting root crops. [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)

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- *3-Tooth Cultivator.* A tool that we use primarily for breaking up surface soil clods and clumps after having used the spading fork or broadfork in bed preparation. Also useful for working compost and soil amendments into the top inch or two of soil. [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)
- *Bed Preparation Rake.* We use this rake to give the finishing touch to our beds, after breaking up clods and working in amendments with the 3-tooth cultivator. A standard garden rake can be used, but if at all possible, this rake is much superior (it is lighter, the width of the 30" bed, and the angle of the tines can be adjusted). [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)

### **Favorite Advanced Garden Tools for more serious Home Growers and Market Gardeners**

- *Broadfork.* After having made a bed with a loose soil structure (usually the result of adding plenty of organic matter) and grown a crop, we prepare the bed for the next planting by using the broadfork to loosen the soil again. It basically performs the function of the spading fork, except that it reaches across the whole bed, speeding up the process considerably. To easily work a 30" bed in one pass you need to get a broadfork that is at least 20" wide, but also keep in mind, the wider the broakfork, the more difficult it is to sink into the soil (this also depends on soil structure/condition). [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com); [www.valleyoaktool.com](http://www.valleyoaktool.com); [www.meadowcreature.com](http://www.meadowcreature.com)
- *Wheelhoe.* The wheelhoe is basically a stirrup hoe behind a wheel. Numerous additional attachments are available as well. We most often use it for cultivating aisles and occasionally for cultivating between crops in a bed. It makes cultivating with a hand held hoe seem tedious! [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com); [www.hosstools.com](http://www.hosstools.com); [www.valleyoaktool.com](http://www.valleyoaktool.com)
- *Quick Cut (Baby) Greens Harvester, Floating Row Covers, Silage (Weed) Tarps, Salad Spinner, Caterpillar Tunnels.* These can all be obtained at: [www.farmersfriendllc.com](http://www.farmersfriendllc.com)
- For recommendations on the above and other advanced tools and machinery, go to [www.themarketgardener.com/](http://www.themarketgardener.com/) and look under *tools*.

### **Organic Soil Testing and Analysis**

- Peaceful Valley Farm and Garden Supply ([www.groworganic.com](http://www.groworganic.com)). Do a search on their site for "Complete Soil Analysis". The cost is \$49.98 per sample. Comes complete with instructions on how to collect your soil sample, and how to interpret the analysis. The analysis includes recommendations for how to amend your soil with organic amendments.
- Whitmar McConnell. (719) 641-3859. [wnlmccconnell@aol.com](mailto:wnlmccconnell@aol.com). Golden Moment Farm, 2380 East Fork Road, Means, KY 40346. Whitmar is an SDA farmer and soil consultant that we use for our soil tests. You can call or email him and he will give you instructions for getting a lab analysis of your soil with his recommendations. The cost per sample will be \$51 for the lab plus \$25 for his recommendations - Total of \$76 per sample.

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