

Internet-Based Resources for Small Fruit and Vegetable Growers

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Government Agencies

- **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>
- **National Agriculture Library: Plants and Crops-Fruits Vegetables and Herbs**
http://riley.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=8&tax_level=2&tax_subject=7&topic_id=1063
- **USDA Agricultural Marketing Service**
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=Home&topNav=Home&page=Home&acct=AMSPW>
- **USDA Fruit and Vegetable Market News**
<http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv>
- **Missouri Department of Agriculture** <http://www.mda.mo.gov/>

USDA, National Agriculture Library

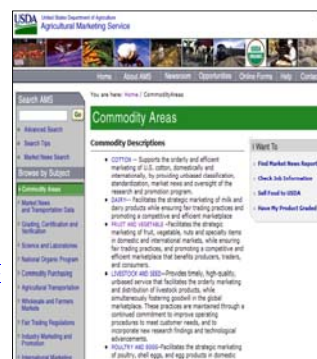
Plants and Crops-Fruits Vegetables and Herbs
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Source of information about gardening, including fruit, vegetable, and herb growing. Navigate using advanced search options and search tips, as well as subject browsing



USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service - Commodity Areas / Fruit and Vegetable
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=CommodityAreas&leftNav=CommodityAreas&page=CommodityAreas&acct=AMSPW>



USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA Fruit and Vegetable Market News
<http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv> Disseminates detailed information on marketing conditions for hundreds of agricultural commodities, including a comprehensive fruit and vegetable market news portal.



Cooperative Extension Offices and Universities

- **USDA Cooperative Extension System** - This Website will help you find your nearest Cooperative Extension office.
<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/>
- **County and Regional Extension Offices**
 - Missouri <http://extension.missouri.edu/regions/>
 - University of Missouri Extension: Horticulture <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/hort/>
 - Missouri State University – Mountain Grove Campus <http://mtngvr.missouristate.edu/>
 - Arkansas http://www.uaex.edu/finfuds/county_offices.htm
 - University of Illinois Extension <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/>
 - Small Fruit Crops for the Backyard, University of Illinois Extension <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/fruit/>
 - Hort Corner: Includes flowers <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/hort/index.htm>
 - Ohio State University Extension
 - Midwest Small Fruit Pest Management Handbook, Ohio State University Extension Bulletin <http://ohioline.osu.edu/b861/>

USDA, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

USDA Cooperative Extension System Offices
<http://www.csrees.usdo.gov/Extension/>
 This internet site will help you find your nearest Cooperative Extension office. Click on the map for state extension services.

University of Missouri Extension

Missouri County and Regional Extension Offices
<http://extension.missouri.edu/regions/>
 Use to find...
 •Campus-based, Regional, and County extension offices
 •The [staff directory](#) to locate extension staff by subject specialty
 •Missouri Small Business Development Centers

University of Missouri Extension

University of Missouri Extension: Horticulture
<http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/aqguides/hort/>
 Click on [Fruit](#), [Vegetables](#), and other links for internet links to information on relevant topics

Missouri State University Mountain Grove Campus

Fruit Experiment Station
<http://mtngr.missouristate.edu/>
 Campus Site Directory

Publications and Media:
<http://mtngr.missouristate.edu/Publications/> Helpful publications for commercial fruit growers and home gardeners.
 The [Missouri Horticulture Advisory](#) is a listserv for information on events and plant news.

Other State Extension Services

- Arkansas Extension
http://www.uaex.edu/findus/county_offices.htm

Click on links to find extension offices and information.

- Iowa State University Extension
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/yardgarden/fruits/>
 Yard and Garden Online – Fruits

Other State Extension Services

- Ohio State University Extension
<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~signet/>
 Midwest Small Fruit and Grape Network


Links to newsletters, weather, reports, research and business reports about fruits and vegetables

Lawn & Garden: Vegetables & Herbs
http://extension.osu.edu/lawn_and_garden/vegetables_herbs.php

Other State Extension Services

Illinois Extension University of Illinois


Hort Corner
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/hort/index.html>
 Gateway to information for fruit and veggie growers, flowers, container gardening, composting and more.



Other State Extension Services


Illinois Extension University of Illinois

Small Fruit Crops for the Backyard
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/fruit/>
 For each fruit there is section on Selection, Planting and Care. (Note: When looking at sites, keep your climate in mind. See note under "Blackberries")



Other State Extension Services


Cornell Fruit Resources
<http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/index.html>
 This is one of the premier horticulture research and extension institutes in the world and gateway to information at Cornell University, NYS Agriculture Experiment Station, and related programs.



Other State Extension Services

Cornell Fruit Resources


The Berry Diagnostic Tool
<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/department/faculty/pritts/BerryDoc/Berrydoc.htm>
 Click on any photo for help in diagnosing diseases, insects, chemical injury, and disorders affecting berry crops.



Other State Extension Services

Oregon State

Northwest Berry & Grape Information Network
<http://berrvgrape.oregonstate.edu/>
 This is a comprehensive information and communications resource for berry and grape production practices, research, and marketing.



Regional Consortia

The Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium
<http://www.smallfruits.org/#>
 Resources for small fruit growers in the southern region. Sponsored by: Clemson, NC State, Virginia Polytechnic, U. of Arkansas, U. of Georgia, and U. of Tennessee



Vegetables

Watch Your Garden
Grow Vegetable
Directory
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/veggies/directory.html>

Click on the picture of the vegetable for information about growing.



Helpful Publications Online

- **Cornell Guide to Growing Fruit at Home**
<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/retrieve/63/Cornell+Guide+to+Growing+Fruit>
- **Midwest Commercial Small Fruit & Grape Spray Guide 2009**
<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/hort/ext/sfg/ID-169-2009.pdf>
- **Midwest Small Fruit Pest Management Handbook**
<http://ohioline.osu.edu/b861/> - Tips for pest control
- **Small Fruit in the Home Garden** Diane Relf, Extension Specialist, Horticulture, Virginia Tech and Jerry Williams, Associate Professor, Horticulture, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech.
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/envirohort/426-840/426-840.html>
- **MU Guide: Vegetable Planting Calendar** by Lewis W. Jett. Department of Horticulture
<http://extension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/agguides/hort/g06201.pdf>

Helpful Publications Online (continued)

- **KSU Vegetable Garden Planting Guide**
<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/hort2/mf315.pdf>
- **Container Vegetable Gardening FactSheet** <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1647.html> Tips for growing vegetables in containers
- **Watch Your Garden Grow: Vegetable Directory**
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/veggies/directory.html> Click on the pictures of vegetables for tips on growing them.
- **Selling Fruits and Vegetables** by Eldon Everhart and Barbara Lovitt
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1887.pdf>
- **KSU Factsheets - Vegetables**
<http://www.plantpath.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=543>

Final Thoughts

- There is a wealth of information on the Internet, but determining relevancy, accuracy, and whether it is **good** information, is up to you, the searcher.
- Finding Internet sites:
 - Google - <http://www.google.com/> - Advanced Google and Google Scholar
 - Yahoo - <http://search.yahoo.com/>
- Evaluate Internet sites. Use the **PACAC** method – Purpose, Authority, Content, Accuracy, and Currency
 - Look for domain tags .com, .org, .edu, .gov, .net.