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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 180-4-12

SUBJECT: CPA-TRAINING – ORGANIC SHORT COURSE FOR AG PROFESSIONALS

Purpose: To transmit information about this training and provide information on NRCS attendance.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004.

To help agricultural professionals learn more about opportunities in the organic agriculture sector, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and local partners are continuing a series of one day “**Organic Short Courses for Ag Professionals**” this summer. The courses are open to all extension educators, NRCS and other agency staff, crop consultants, lenders, implement dealers and other agricultural advisors.

The final session will be on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Buffalo, MN. Course topics will include farmer motivations and experiences with organics, production and market trends, final rule basics, and certification basics. Buffet lunch featuring local and organic products is included in the registration. Participants will also have a choice of four tours in the afternoon:

- Livestock Production Tour
- Vegetable Production Tour
- Crop Tour
- Marketing and Business Tour

NRCS employees are authorized to attend this course on government time and expense, and must request approval from their supervisor to attend.

Conservation Education Units are available from the U of M.

Enrollment is limited to 50 and pre-registration is required. Cost for the September 8th course is \$10 if postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup> and \$25 after that day. To register, send the completed registration form (attached to this email) to the U of M Extension Service – Wright County. Make checks payable to:

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