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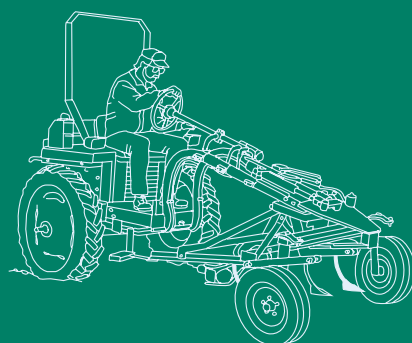
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Sustainable agriculture, integrated crop management, and organic farming are all part of an “alternative” agriculture movement that promotes the use of biological interactions and cultural practices in place of agricultural chemicals. The goal of this movement is a productive and profitable agriculture that protects natural resources and builds strong communities.

Sustainable Vegetable Production from Start-Up to Market is intended to help both aspiring and experienced growers to plan and manage profitable and environmentally friendly vegetable production systems. The book will also be a valuable reference for extension personnel, classroom educators, and serious gardeners.

Sustainable Vegetable Production from Start-Up to Market offers a wealth of practical information on such essential concerns as where to farm, how to steward your soil, what types of equipment to consider, when to start crops, how to protect and handle them, and how to market them. Profiles of individual growers reflect real-life experiences. Included are 91 illustrations, 36 sidebars, 20 tables, and 32 profiles of vegetable growers with enterprise budgets.

So let's get started — setting goals, developing markets, making plans, and cultivating fields that will still yield bountifully for our children's children!



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