

Richard de Wilde

Agricultural Consulting

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Born in Milbank, South Dakota, 5/5/49. Raised on 650 acre dairy, beef and grain farm near South Shore, SD. Received college degrees in Engineering and Education. Began organic vegetable farming business in 1973; Blue Gentian Farm, Eagan, MN. Many years experience with sheep, dairy cows and horses.

Moved to Harmony Valley Farm in 1984. Presently growing 120 acres of organic, fresh market vegetables.

Extensive marketing experience with community supported agriculture, roadside stands, farmers' markets in St. Paul, La Crosse and Madison, Wisconsin. Direct marketing to stores and restaurants and to wholesale distributors, both organic and conventional.

Ten years of on-farm public demonstrations.

Extensive teaching in organic agriculture through trade conferences, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, and University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Concluded 2 year research project in composting for disease suppression in cooperation with University of Wisconsin – Madison Department of Plant Pathology.

Will provide consulting in areas of:

- Whole farm management
- All aspects of organic vegetable crop growing and marketing
- Packing shed design
- Equipment needs
- Composting
- Specialty areas include: organic weed control, beneficial insect habitat design and management, cover crop systems.

Consultation options:

- Telephone consultation – On your phone bill, \$100 / hr. (most productive if you provide farm history and questions in advance.)
- On Your Farm
 - Within 100 mi. radius: 1 day visit and written recommendations - \$1000.
 - Greater than 100 mi. radius - \$1000 plus additional compensation to be agreed upon in advance.
- Consultation / Demonstration on Our Farm - \$80 / hr.

Payment in advance of first consultation requested.

References upon request.