

The Land Stewardship Letter

Keeping the Land and People Together



Back Issues: 1983-2002

The Land Stewardship Project celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2002. During two decades of existence, we've accumulated a lot of things: major victories, battle scars...and back issues of the *Land Stewardship Letter*. Here's your chance to help us lighten our load while adding some enlightening material to your bookshelf. Find out why *Whole Earth* magazine calls the *LSL* one of its "favorite newsletters...Grounded, intimate, striving, practical." And the price of these back issues won't weigh heavy on your bank account either—the Land Stewardship Project is offering the first 10 back issues of the newsletter for free (if you order more than that, call us for information on paying shipping and handling charges).

Listed on these pages are subject areas covered by the newsletter over the past 20 years. To order these back issues, just contact Louise Arbuckle, LSP's Twin Cities Office Manager, at 651-653-0618 or lsplib@landstewardshipproject.org and let her know which issues you are interested in. Did we mention she will send them to you for free? Happy gleaning!

2002—Volume 20

Oct/Nov/Dec 2002; No. 5

COVER STORY: 20 Years of Telling the Land's Story (a special issue on LSP's 20th Anniversary). **COMMENTARY:** Paul Wellstone: 1944-2002; Paul Wellstone—organizing's ally. **LSP NEWS:** Mandatory pork checkoff ruled unconstitutional. **TIMELINE:** 2 Decades, 2 Histories. **FEATURE:** Eyewitnesses to History; Now, the next 20 years... **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Who are LSP's members?; An active organization, an active board of directors. **STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR**

July/Aug/Sept 2002; No. 4

COVER STORY: Rotating in a New Generation: It's one thing to teach someone the techniques of farming. It's quite another to plant the seeds of sustainable success; **COVER STORY SIDEBAR:** How to participate in Farm Beginnings. **COMMENTARY:** An argument for regional economics. **LETTERS:** Good, but long-winded; Steward of the Table; Canaries in a corn mine. **LSP NEWS:** Foods Guide for the Upper Minn. River Valley Now available; Conservation Security Program fact sheets available; Judge orders review of turkey confinement; Mo. hog farmers hosted by LSP; Corporate vampires. **OFFICE UPDATE:** Policy—Public research...public goods; Southeast Minnesota—Farm

Beginnings: the next step; Twin Cities—Reaching new audiences. LSP Celebrates 20 years of Keeping the Land & People Together (photos of the Aug. 24 celebration). FOOD & FARM CONNECTION: MWFA—Great foods-great stewardship, easier than ever to find; New MWFA address; Volunteers needed; Are you a potential MWFA farmer?; MWFA & Minn. Grown; Midwest Food Alliance Retailers; New MWFA Marketing Coordinator. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. FEATURE: LSP announces the publication of a groundbreaking new book: *The Farm as Natural Habitat*. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

May/June 2002; No. 3

COVER STORY: Daring to Drop Drugs: Industrial ag says ending the use of antibiotics as livestock growth-promotants would bring about radical changes in farming. Guess what? Industrial ag is right (last in a series); Sidebars: More sustainable, less resistance?; When the giants respond to a public pinprick; Getting strung-out on confusing drug-free labels; Want livestock products raised without antibiotics? COMMENTARY: A Modest Proposal for removing the burden of animal wastes upon the country and making them beneficial to the public. LSP NEWS: Farm Beginnings to start new classes in October & November; Hog farmers hail beef checkoff ruling; LSP staff changes; LSP members expose failure of top state environmental review agency; Call Gov. Ventura; Court to rule on turkey operation; Dialogue taps wisdom of 5 generations. OFFICE UPDATES: Twin Cities- Beat the (Farm Bill) devil. FEATURE: Holistic Management & LSP-multiple benefits; Biodiversity, agriculture & Holistic Management. BOOK REVIEWS: *The Next Green Revolution Essential Steps to a Healthy, Sustainable Agriculture*, by James E. Horne & Maura McDermott. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

March/April 2002; No. 2

COVER STORY: Antibiotics, Agriculture & Resistance: There is growing evidence that factory livestock farming produces more than cheap food—it also pumps put a bumper crop of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (first in a series); Bacterial backwaters—antibiotics & resistant microbes are emerging from rivers and streams COMMENTARY: The Farm Bill: LSP makes a difference at the national level; The security threat to end all security threats; Myth Buster: An ongoing series on ag myths & ways of deflating them. LSP NEWS: Protect Our Water gets mixed results at Minn. Legislature; Foreclosure 20th Anniversary June 21-23 in Milan, Minn.; LSP to develop ‘Buy Local’ food initiative; Web site updates; LSP members fight factory farms throughout Minn.; Farmers discuss pork alternatives; Morris open house; Funding for swine facility vetoed; Policy office moves; LSP presentations; LSP on the radio; Staff update; LSP farm families recognized by U of M; Multiple Benefits report still available; New LSP logo; Murray new MISA director; MIDWEST FOOD ALLIANCE: MWFA holds 1st annual meeting; MWFA marketing coordinator needed; Volunteers needed for food demos; Festival attracts thoughtful shoppers. OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota—A mountain of experience in molehill land; BOOK REVIEWS: *The Antibiotic Paradox*; *Life on the Farm*; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Jan/Feb 2002; No. 1

COVER STORY: LSP: Keeping the Land & People Together-An open letter to our members from George Boody, LSP's Executive Director. FEATURE: LSP gets results. PROGRAM UPDATES: Encouraging Stewardship Through Research & Education; Creating a Regional, Sustainable Food System; Creating a New Vision for Agriculture; Making LSP a Stronger Organization. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

2001—Volume 19

Nov/Dec 2001; No. 5

COVER STORY: What You See is What You Get. COMMENTARY: No fries with that order, please. LSP NEWS: LSP organizing pushes Farm Bill reform; Landmark feedlot study falls short; A sustainable shopping list. BOOK REVIEWS: *The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World*, by Michael Pollan. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES: FACES BEHIND THE FOOD: A special photo gallery of farmers. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Sept/Oct 2001; No. 4

COVER STORY: Agriculture's Untapped Potential—A special report on the Multiple Benefits of Agriculture study. **COMMENTARY:** Our corn-soybean system fails the sustainability test on all fronts. **LETTERS:** Say 'good night' to night-lights? **MYTH BUSTER BOX:** Mergers and acquisitions benefit the employees and shareholders of the firms involved. **LSP NEWS:** LSP applauds passage of Conservation Security Act by Senate Ag Committee; The next step; Who's afraid of competition?; LSP staff changes; LSP happenings; Farm Aid Benefit Concert; Twin Cities Local Foods Banquet; Court ruling favoring Waseca County factory hog farm to be appealed. **OFFICE UPDATES:** Southeast Minnesota-Farm Beginnings opens doors; Twin Cities—Giving good farmers some credit; Sustainable farms are good for the environment and profitable. **FOOD & FARM CONNECTION:** Educating consumers one person at a time; 3rd annual Local foods banquet; Meet the farmers who filled the table. **OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES:** **BOOK REVIEWS:** *Keeper of the Wild: The life of Ernest Oberholtzer*, by Joe Paddock. **POETRY:** An Abel Song, by Terry Jacobson. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** LSP to celebrate 20 years; Thanks to our volunteers; LSP member's book receives award. **STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR**

July/August 2001; No. 3

COVER STORY: Plowman's Progress: Conservation tillage can help make up for the mountain of abuse our agricultural soils have been exposed to over the years. But for now, it's up hill for minimum till. **COMMENTARY:** The peeling of the pelt. **LETTERS:** Simplistic measure, simplistic results. **LSP NEWS:** Farm Beginnings deadlines Oct. 8, 15; U.S. Supreme Court rules mushroom checkoff unconstitutional; 2001 Twin Cities Local Foods Banquet Sept. 29; Farm Beginnings staffer needed; LSP Board changes; LSP looking for western MN direct-selling farmers; Pride of the Prairie intern; Dan French on SARE Council; Ag endowed chairs named; Creative Conservation; MSAWG hires regional coordinator; Action alert: Block Dorr's nomination. **OFFICE UPDATES:** Western Minnesota-Local foods on local plates; When the rubber chicken hits the road. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** MN Legislature restores sustainable ag funding, but provides corporate welfare to factory farm. **FOOD & FARM CONNECTION:** Midwest Food Alliance blooms; Midwest Food Alliance Retail Partner Stores. **BOOK REVIEWS:** *This Organic Life: Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader*. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Membership contest concludes; Give to LSP through the Minnesota Environmental Fund. **STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR**

April/May/June 2001; No. 2

COVER STORY: Same Storm-Different Outcomes: When a rainstorm hit Sand Creek one evening in 1998, it left in its wake dramatic clues as to how different farming systems have very different impacts on the land. **COMMENTARY:** Farm policy's 3 fatal flaws threaten competitiveness; Donella (Dana) Meadows: 1942-2001. **LETTERS:** Confrontation of a different kind; Fine-tuning only; Pounding the pavement. **LSP NEWS:** Hog farmers sue USDA over dumping of checkoff vote; Farmers convey their anger to Veneman, NPPC; Global warming: Ag is part of the problem and solution; LSP interns; MPCA's failure on factory farms focus of meeting with commissioner; Festival connects farmers & consumers; Ad campaign urges farmers to take a second look at GMOs; Policy survey: protect the land, farmers; Sustainable swine research at Morris; 2001 Farm Families. **FOOD & FARM CONNECTION:** Midwest Food Alliance: Planting the seed of sales; Report: Lack of food in farm country starves local economies. **OFFICE UPDATES:** It takes a village to raise a business. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Minnesota's sustainable/organic programs threatened by state leaders. **BOOK REVIEWS:** *Trust Us, We're Experts: How Industry Manipulates Science and Gambles with Your Future*. **STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2001; No. 1

COVER STORY: When 'Opportunity' Knocks. It takes a lot of guts for a land grant to say "no" to an offer from a biotech giant. But in the long run, it also takes support from the public. **COMMENTARY:** The mandatory pork checkoff: It's closer to being history—so now what? **NEWS BRIEFS:** Pincushion pigs; Management-intensive competition. **LSP NEWS:** Pork checkoff voted down by hog farmers; USDA & NPPC strike deal to continue checkoff; Court sides with LSP in ordering dairy EIS; Join a CSA farm; LSP staff changes; Sustainable ag bill fact sheets available; Field day features low-cost livestock wintering; Grazing events; LSP discussions; Waseca mega-dairy decision put on hold. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Minnesota sustainable/organic ag programs in jeopardy; 2001 Minnesota legislative priorities. **FOOD & FARM CONNECTIONS:** Midwest Food Alliance label looking for sustainable farmers. **OFFICE UPDATES:** Twin Cities' Monitoring Project—the sequel; Policy Setting the tone across state lines. **BOOK REVIEWS:** *Fast Food Nation*. **OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES.** **MYTH BUSTER** **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.** **STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR**

2000—Volume 18

December 2000; No. 6

COVER STORY: Germinating a Closed Science. COMMENTARY: Women in agriculture: Gleaning a new relationship with the land & each other. LSP NEWS: What research should “U” pursue?; Sustainable ag & wildlife; LSP joins in fighting mega-dairy; Policy surveys; On-line sustainable calculator available. FOOD & FARM CONNECTIONS: Sustainable seal of approval is looking for more farmers. OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota—Main street stewardship; Southeast Minnesota—LSP members take concerns to AG. BOOK REVIEWS: *Ripples from the Zambezi: Passion, Entrepreneurship, and the Rebirth of Local Economies*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES MYTH BUSTER; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Recruit members—win prizes; A salute to our volunteers; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

November 2000; No. 5

COVER STORY: Why Did the Hog Farmer Cross the Road?To seek out a way of producing pork that’s economically viable and environmentally sound. COMMENTARY: Are you a farmer or an investor? LSP NEWS: Innovative conservation farm policy is introduced in Congress; Summary of the Conservation Security Act; Multiple Benefits of Ag; Busy field day season; DeVries leaves LSP; New pasture chapter; Thanks to our MWFA grocery store volunteers; New sustainability calculator for farms now available on-line. BOOK REVIEWS: *An American Mosaic*; *The Memory of Old Jack*. POETRY: The 12 Days of Christmas; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Help LSP secure a strong future; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

September/October 2000; No. 4

COVER STORY: When the Customer Speaks; Who needs a sales staff when you have concerned consumers? COMMENTARY: Feeding the world isn’t a noble cause—it’s a marketing gimmick; My Dad; Myth Buster. LSP NEWS: Farm Beginnings Goes West; Bacigalupo returns to LSP; The LSP scoop; Lawsuit against MPCA heard; Midwest Food Alliance label launched in Minnesota. OFFICE UPDATES: Policy—Called up to the big leagues; Policy—Farmers vote to end pork checkoff. FOOD & FARM CONNECTIONS: Host your own Local Foods Dinner. LSPer INTERACTIVE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE. Thank you LSP members— The McKnight Match was a success; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

July/August 2000; No. 3

COVER STORY: Freedom to Farm.....as a Good Steward: It takes creativity to break out of a commodity-based system of agriculture. Farm policy that nurtures such innovation must be creative as well. (*second of a two-part series*). COMMENTARY: Thinking like a watershed; Is drainage a plus for sustainable cropping?; Oxen farming isn’t history. LSP NEWS: Pork checkoff voting is under way: NPPC charged with trying to rig vote; CURE becomes independent; Opitz to speak at grazing school; Board changes; Marsha Neff leaves LSP; Sustainable food label inspection/certification system developed. LIVESTOCK CONCENTRATION UPDATE: Investigation of dairy decision requested; Too many hogs, too little land. OFFICE UPDATES: West—A healthy bridge made of food; Southeast—What’s cooking in southeast? BOOK REVIEWS: *Willard Cochrane and the American Family Farm*; *The Essential Aldo Leopold: Quotations and Commentaries*; *Aldo Leopold: For the Health of the Land*. FOOD & FARM CONNECTIONS: Local Foods Banquet Oct. 7. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Upgrading membership; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

April/May/June 2000; No. 2

COVER STORY: New Plow. Same Crop. Crazy Policy—Current federal farm policy is turning out to be just a new twist on the tired old strategy of rewarding big, industrial agriculture for getting bigger and more industrialized (*first of a two-part series*). COMMENTARY: It’s fresh, but is it sustainable? LETTERS. LSP NEWS: MISA’s future in doubt; Farmers: checkoff rules flawed; New LSP interns; Farm Beginnings position open; Pork packing plant update; LSP grazing school in Sept. OFFICE UPDATES: Twin Cities—Multiple benefits, multiple views; Policy—What is a family farm?; LLCs are not family-farm friendly. FEATURE: MPCA ignores science, citizens in vote to not do EIS. BOOK REVIEWS: *The Barn at the End of the World*; *Finding the Forest*. POETRY: Suburban Sprawl Haiku. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

January/February/March 2000; No. 1

COVER STORY: Making Ag a Lean, Mean, Gene Machine—Is genetic engineering’s arrival in farm country the end of a successful marketing effort, or the beginning of a huge experiment? SIDEBARS: Bulk grain trade struggles with

GMOs; Do GMOs mean more profit, fewer chemicals?; Groups call for curbs on genetic manipulation; Organic rules ban GMOs, but genetic drift still up in the air; LSP policy on genetic engineering in agriculture; COMMENTARY: Anatomy of a factory farm fight—Guess what happened when some rural residents got organized; LSP NEWS: Mandatory pork checkoff going to a vote; Factory farm declared hazard; LSP staff news; Dairy market future; National Campaign position opening; Third annual Community Food & Farm Festival; Market gardening & alternative marketing; Cure meeting; Stream Team; Alternative swine; Getting to know you...; OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota—Working on a durable fabric; Southeastern Minnesota—Putting our lands in more hands; LSP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE; BOOK REVIEWS: *Farmageddon: Food and the Culture of Biotechnology*, by Brewster Kneen; *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution*, by Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins & L. Hunter Lovins; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

1999—Volume 17

December 1999; No. 6

COVER STORY: Bigger is Better...and three other agricultural myths. COMMENTARY: Why I continue farming (and why you should care); LETTERS: Proactive work; Off-farm income; LSP NEWS: GMO discussion featured Feb. 18; Interested in CSA farming?; CURE meeting; LSP volunteers; New Food Choices intern; LSP now offering fact sheets; OFFICE UPDATES: Policy — How to eat an elephant; New farm conservation program guide released; Get involved with the 2002 Farm Bill; Stewardship policy sparking interest; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; POETRY: Sacred Fruit; Dinner Meditation; Deep Tree Knowledge; FEATURE: Stewardship Shopping — Food buying that supports sustainable family farms is hard... at first; LSPer INTERACTIVE

November 1999; No. 5

COVER STORY: Teaming with Ideas: Sustainable agriculture requires developing a whole new frame of mind when it comes to the land, people and the interactions between the two. More farmers are realizing there's no reason to take such a head trip alone; COVER STORY SIDEBAR: For More Information; COMMENTARY: Mega-mergers...mega-problems; LETTERS: Not just for farmers; Indentured on the land; Sewer sausage; Who's getting fed? LSP NEWS: Farming with Nature launched to market eco-friendly pork; *Hog Wash* begins production; LSP members occupy ag chair; The plants that ate Main Street; LSP lays out long range plan; New LSP staff; Giving a creek a second change; Farm Credit Administration officials hear sustainable ag lending concerns on farm visit; USDA delays checkoff vote; LSP celebrates 15 years of work in western Minnesota; OFFICE UPDATES: Southeast — It may not be rocket science, but...; Twin Cities — Multiple Benefits Project launched; BOOK REVIEW: *Hired Hands: An Oral History*; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Getting people together over food

September/October 1999; No. 4

COVER STORY: The 3 F's: Farming, Fertilizing & Fishing: The growing zone of oxygen-deprived water in the Gulf of Mexico is sending experts in search of answers. Maybe their first stop should be Dan Specht's farm; COVER STORY SIDEBAR: Nitro-powered farming: We've harnessed the power of fertilizer...or have we? Riverwise Partnership; The ag drainage express: Tile lines have made the Midwest what it is today: a top producer of corn, soybeans...and nutrient runoff; LSP & nutrient runoff. COMMENTARY: Chicken-fried farming, by David Kruse; LETTERS: Please help protect Barry; Easements offer lasting protection. LSP NEWS: Farmer-owned packing plant a go; Getting factory pork out of local stores; Farm produces milk on state park land; Farm Beginnings group of 1999-2000 begins classes; NPPC tries to obtain private data; MPCA chief visits sustainable farm; Margaret Grilley joins LSP staff. LAND STEWARDSHIP LETTER FOLLOW-UP: A periodic update of articles that have appeared in the *Land Stewardship Letter*; OFFICE UPDATES: Policy—A productive summer for policy; Western Minnesota—Where have all the interns gone? BOOK REVIEW: *You Can Go Home Again: Adventures of a Contrary Life*, by Gene Logsdon. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Celebrating good food, good people. LSPer INTERACTIVE: An informational column for LSP members who want to get more involved; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES

June/July/August 1999; No. 3

SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE—Available on our Web site only www.landstewardshipproject.org. COVER STORY: Behind Every Good Food, is a Good Farmer: 15 examples of eaters and producers joining forces to forge

strong, sustainable links in the food chain. COVER STORY SIDEBARS: Want more information?; LSP's links in the food chain; Sustainable marketing lessons from across the pond; European marketing; COMMENTARY: Farms, Food & Food Choices, by George Boody. LSP NEWS: Two new LSP board members; LSP staff changes; Tornado strikes Lewiston; Western LSP 15th anniversary; No trace fishing; New SFA chair; Analysis: Time to call toxic, toxic. POLICY UPDATE: Legislative Wrap-Up: Minnesota governor stymies attempt to weaken H2S rules; OFFICE UPDATES: Southeast Minnesota — LSP & Heifer Project team up; Twin Cities: Surprising land protection foes; BOOK REVIEW: *Going Local: Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age*, by Michael H. Shuman; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Member-to-member

April/May 1999; No. 2

COVER STORY: Selling the Farm Down Contract Creek: Why would corporations buy land when on paper they can own everything it produces? COVER STORY SIDEBAR: Before You Sign the Dotted Line; Contracts, Captive Supplies, Are Killing Competition; COMMENTARY: Rural Ramblings: What's around your corner? by Fran Bockenbauer; Frenetic Genetic tampering: The Terminator threatens to sterilize more than seeds, by Elizabeth Wheeler; LSP NEWS: Pork check off headed for a vote; Company looking for hogs; Heard of any manure spills?; S.E. gathering a success; Angry farmers demand antitrust enforcement; *Blade* examines ag land loss; New LSP intern; EQIP provides grazing help; Want to go to a field day? POLICY UPDATE: Members help score policy coups, by Mark Schultz; WESTERN MINNESOTA UPDATE: A view from the canoe, by Terry Van Der Pol; BOOK REVIEWS: *Against the Grain: Biotechnology and the Corporate Takeover of Your Food*, by Marc Lapp? & Britt Bailey; *The Witness of Combines*, by Kent Meyers. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Challenging membership, by Cathy Eberhart; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

January/February/March 1999; No. 1

COVER STORY: The Thing That Ate Agriculture: Mega-mergers are creating a seamless food system that leaves no openings for competition, accountability or independent farmers. SIDEBAR: Merger Mania Mayhem; Smashing the Hourglass; COMMENTARY: Treating animals like animals, not machines, by Tom Frantzen; LETTERS; LSP NEWS: Farmer filling endowed chair; Swine Source Book now available; Audit: MPCA isn't doing job; LSPers take farm message to D.C.; 6th Annual River Keeper Award; King joins LSP; Copier for sale; MONITORING FEATURE: A land's eye view: Monitoring can help fill some important gaps, by Caroline van Schaik; SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA UPDATE: We have the power, by Karen Stettler; TWIN CITIES UPDATE: Three important letters, by Dana Jackson; BOOK REVIEWS: *On Good Land: The Autobiography of an Urban Farm*, by Michael Ableman; *The Frederick Manfred Reader*, edited by John Calvin Rezmerski; POETRY: Winter Abstract

1998—Volume 16

December 1998; No. 6

COVER STORY: Changing the land's complexion — Second of a two-part series on the loss of biodiversity in our agricultural systems; SIDEBAR: Putting plants to work ; One farmer is mixing it up in his northwest Minnesota fields. DIRECT MARKETING: A special message from LSP on the current pork crisis. COMMENTARY: Should we adopt farmland? LSP NEWS: SFA to hold food fair; Consumers want a choice; Join a CSA farm in 1999; REPORT: Factory farms given free ride by regulators; 2 new staffers join LSP. OFFICE UPDATES: Policy — Checkoff drive gains ground; WESTERN MINNESOTA — Caffeine-powered organizing. FARM BEGINNINGS: Stimulating the gray matter: Farm Beginnings does its part to reverse the rural brain drain. Book Reviews: *Biodiversity in Agroecosystems*, edited by Wanda W. Collins and Calvin O. Qualset; *Climate Change & the Global Harvest*, by Cynthia Rosenzweig & Daniel Hillel; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Why membership?; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

November 1998; No. 5

COVER STORY: Biodiversity & Agriculture: A House Divided - First of a two-part series on the loss of biodiversity in our agricultural systems. COMMENTARY: The crisis that monocropping built. LSL FOLLOW-UP: Updates on past stories that have appeared in the *Land Stewardship Letter*. MONITORING FEATURE: Sticking together on the land— In western Minnesota, farmers, government officials, environmentalists & scientists are using water as a cohesive force.

BOOK REVIEWS: *You Can Farm*, by Joel Salatin; *Metropolitica*, by Myron Orfield; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES: LSP NEWS: LSP hires two new organizers; Volunteers fight trash & hunger; LSP provides 'Taste' again; Arner travels to Europe. POETRY. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Sept/Oct 1998; No. 4

COVER STORY: Blurring the Boundaries: Whole farm planning can help families separate the wheat from the chaff...and then bring it all back together again. SIDEBARS: It's not just a sum of the parts; Jumping into the WHOLE. COMMENTARY: Extra-agricultural activities: Grade schoolers prove that monitoring is for all ages. LETTERS; LSP NEWS: SFA History published: Group Celebrates 10 years of farmer-to-farmer education; LSP hires new membership coordinator; LSP & Kerr Center hold joint meeting; LSP forming farm groups; Sustainable marketing book published. LIVESTOCK CONCENTRATION UPDATE: Landmark court decisions; More spills. OFFICE UPDATES: Southeast Minnesota—The farm class of '98; Twin Cities—1000 Friends is independent; BOOK REVIEW: *Far From Tame: Reflections from the Heart of a Continent*, by Laurie Allmann. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; LSP RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

July/August 1998; No. 3

COVER STORY: Getting Sucker-Punched by Pesticides: Are low doses of weed & insect killers hitting our children when they are least able to fight back? COVER STORY SIDEBARS: When chemicals are cut; A researcher's dream LETTERS; LSP NEWS: LSP meeting examines the farm as a natural habitat; Ken Peterson joins LSP board, Dale Anderson retires; Prairie planter purchased; Membership/outreach coordinator needed; Hog farmers needed; visit farms, canoe the river, Sept. 19-10; Tax workshop Nov. 20; Looking for good grub?; U of M grapples with ag research conflict of interest issue; LSPer travels to Germany; Planning grants available. OFFICE UPDATES West: Casting a sustainable net; Policy: Ag budget post-mortem. BOOK REVIEW: *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer & the Environment*, by Sandra Steingraber; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

April/May/June 1998; No. 2

COVER STORY: Sending the Land Grants to School. SIDEBARS: Holding Swine Research Up to the Light; Sustainable Swine Research; Schultz Appointed to GEIS Task Force; Alternative Swine Position Filled. COMMENTARY: Ag Research Should Do More Than Create Input Markets. A RIVER PRAYER: A prayer offered by LSP board member Larry Olson at Clean Up our River Environment's sixth annual meeting in February. LSP NEWS: LSP to Spin Off 1000 Friends of Minnesota Program; Fuel-Injected Sprawl; Ronning Picked For International Exchange; MSAWG Steward Award; Attention LSP Members; New LSP Staffers; TV Provides Forum to Discuss Problems, Solutions in Farm-Based Communities; Survey: Residents of Washington & Chisago Counties Overwhelmingly Support Land Protection; Support LSP Through the Minnesota Environmental Fund; Public Forces USDA to Back Down on 3 Organic Rules; Trail Gets \$1.4 Million. OFFICE UPDATE: Southeast Minnesota LSP Members Get Involved. LIVESTOCK CONCENTRATION NEWS: Farmers Launch Checkoff Recall; Six Minnesota Livestock Facilities Producing Toxic Gases; SAWG Releases Livestock Paper; Ethics Award given to LSPer. SPRAWL LEGISLATION: Community Based Planning Act Tempered by Changes; Sidebar: Changes Made to the CBPA in the 1998 Omnibus Bill. BOOK REVIEWS: *There's Nothing in the Middle of the Road but Yellow Stripes and Dead Armadillos*, by Jim Hightower; *Biopiracy: The Plunder of Nature and Knowledge*, by Vandana Shiva. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

January/February/March 1998; No. 1

COVER STORY: A Land of Milk & Money—Is a hillside dotted with bovines a bucolic image of yesteryear? A group of innovative dairy producers are proving that when it comes to a sustainable future, factory farming is the real endangered species. COVER STORY SIDEBAR: Tackling the price issue in dairy farming isn't easy. LEOPOLD'S LEGACY 1948-1998: Aldo Leopold died 50 years ago this April, but a Minnesota couple is still practicing his land ethic in the shadow of suburban sprawl. ORGANIC RULES: The overthrow of organic agriculture? Farmers, consumers and processors are in an uproar over USDA proposals that threaten to gut chemical-free farming. But there's more at stake than toxins and radiation. LSP NEWS: Flood of opinions expressed in TV town meeting; flood control resolution catches on; Big manure-caused fish kill causing big legal problems; New LSP intern; Bilek new SFA manager; Moore receives SWCS honor; Community-Based Planning Act takes next key step; Transportation meetings set for spring; Estate planning meetings April 2. OFFICE UPDATE: Twin Cities - Green corridor takes root. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES: LSP offers 2 new videos, CSA directory; BOOK REVIEW: *The Sky, The Stars, The Wilderness*, by Rick Bass. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

1997—Volume 15

December 1997; No. 6

COVER STORY: Canary in a farm field - In a world where farmers live & die by yield monitors & bottom lines, these families are looking to the skies for a different sign of success. COMMENTARY: A tale of two towns. LSP NEWS: Is it time for a sustainable ag experiment station?; LSP staff changes; LSP internships available; CSA deadline Jan. 31; Citizens to Green Corridor Project: Thanks for asking; Rural residents say MPCA's H2S testing period a case of poor timing. OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota—Learning to listen to the land; Twin Cities - The Community Based Planning Act. BOOK REVIEW: *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature*, by Linda Lear. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; LSP MEMBERSHIP PROFILE: Mary Doerr; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

October/November 1997; No. 5

COVER STORY: The Stream Team —Improving water quality isn't just about keeping pollution out of our streams and rivers. It's also about people like Ralph Lentz and Larry Gates. LSP Q&A: Nancy Paddock and Laura Clark talk about the *Planting in the Dust* play. POETRY: "If there was no room at the Super 8, & Christ was born in a confinement barn," by Linda Winter-Hodgson. LSP NEWS: Flood control sparks strong emotions; Marsha Neff now interim membership coordinator; Narine Ghazarian new LSP intern; Farm Beginnings classes to start soon; Freedom to Farm guide now available. LSP OFFICE UPDATES: Sharing a vision of quality of life; Policy - Speaking out for family farming. BOOK REVIEW: *Deady Feasts: Tracking the Secrets of a Terrifying New Plague* by Richard Rhodes. STEWARDSHIP SHOP: An updated listing of Land Stewardship Project resources; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

August/September 1997; No. 4

COVER STORY: Anatomy of a Manure Spill: Factory livestock accidents that kill fish and pollute water are reaching epidemic proportions. What *really* happens with 100,000 gallons of raw manure spills into a local creek? LSP Q&A: The Smallidge family has long battled sprawl. LSP NEWS: Green corridor forums set; Hennen elected chair of LSP Board; Ronning on Advisory Council; LSP staff changes; Land use forums set LSP OFFICE UPDATES: Twin Cities; southeast Minnesota BOOK REVIEW: *Death of the Dream: Classic Minnesota Farmhouses*, by William G. Gabler; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. THE LAND STEWARDSHIP LAMPOON: A Satirical Look at the News. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

June/July 1997; No. 3

COVER STORY: Freedom to Farm, Freedom to . . . For the first time in six decades, farmers don't have to farm fields of monocrops to please the subsidy system — so what now? LSP Q&A : Sowing the Seeds of Change. LSP NEWS: New staff members at LSP; office updates from western Minnesota and the Policy Program. LEGISLATIVE NEWS: LSP scores major legislative victories — a report on new laws put in place by the Minnesota Legislature this session, including the Community-Based Planning Act, anti-factory farm measures and initiatives for alternatives to industrial livestock production. BOOK REVIEW: *The Forgotten Pollinators*, by Stephen L. Bukchmann & Gary Paul Nabhan. POETRY: Echoes at San Antonio de los Banos, an Agricultural Lighthouse; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. LSP 15th ANNI-VERSARY REPORT. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

April/May 1997; No. 2

COVER STORY: The American Lawn Just Isn't Cutting It: All those miles of manicured grass are the result of an unsustainable turf battle taking place in millions of individual yards. COMMENTARY: Ag That Includes People. LSP NEWS: New staff members at LSP; OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota; Policy Program. POETRY: Ode to the Sandbag Line. BOOK REVIEW: *The Last Harvest The Genetic Gamble that Threatens to Destroy American Agriculture*; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; LSP MEMBERSHIP UPDATE; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Jan/Feb/March 1997; No. 1

COVER STORY: The Feeding Frenzy of Globalization: World Trade seems to have an insatiable appetite. Is it eating away at the roots of sustainable agriculture? LSL QUESTION & ANSWER: An interview with LSP co-founder Ron Kroese. LETTERS: Easements, PDR, statewide land use framework, happy chickens. LSP NEWS: Staff Changes,

MISA review, VanDerPol column, land use legislation, new SFA head, join a CSA farm, PDR/TDR meeting. LSP OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota; Policy Program. FEATURE: New LSP-Extension mentoring program looking for farmers. FEATURE: Pork Funds used in surveillance of LSP. FEATURE: Factory farming's worst nightmare (Local democracy is offering a way for rural citizens to keep industrial ag from taking up residence). BOOK REVIEW: *Return to Pleasant Valley: Louis Bromfield's Best from Malabar Farm & His Other Country Classics*; RESOURCES. CALENDAR

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December 1996; No. 6

COVER STORY: Making Agriculture a Permanent Resident: Purchasing development rights offers a way for farms and farming to remain a major part of a community's future. QUESTION & ANSWER: Preserving a place for ag (Ron Manigold talks about his community's efforts to preserve farmland). LETTERS: Famous field day. LSP NEWS: MISA marks 5 years at 'U'; LSP calls for U of M accountability on future of land; DeGrove: State guides crucial; LSP staff changes. OFFICE UPDATES: Communities share land use ideas; A night of rural youth culture. MONITORING TEAM FEATURE: Keeping the vet at bay: Monitoring Team finds more grass means healthier animals. BOOK REVIEWS: *Home from Nowhere; Farmers for the Future*. LSP MEMBER PROFILE: Don Maronde; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

October / November 1996; No. 5

COVER STORY: Reflecting on what the land has to teach: Farmers are showing what happens when they get off the tractor and walk the fields with open eyes and an open mind. COVER STORY SIDEBAR: A team approach to observation. COMMENTARY: A farmer's-eye view of profits. POETRY: The Meadowlark in the Morning, by Michael Carey. NEWS BRIEFS: Udder failure, Follow the soil south, Maybe consumers know enough, Diversified cropping rakes in the cash, A sprawl checker? LSP NEWS: Grocery chain drops Premium Standard; Farmland protection receives a big boost; LSP hosts Holistic Management gathering; New LSP staff; LSP member profile. OFFICE UPDATES: Western Minnesota at its best; Opportunity Knocks, LSP answers. FARM BILL FEATURE: It keeps going and going. . . Conservation in the new Farm Bill is still being modified. BOOK REVIEWS: *Nishnabotna*, by Michael Carey; *Fields Without Dreams*, by Victor Davis Hanson. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

September 1996; No. 4

COVER STORY: Where Economics and Ecology Meet: A term such as an 'industrial park' is an oxymoron. Here's one example of how we can prevent 'ecological farm' from becoming a similar contradiction. QUESTION & ANSWER: An Agrarian Ecological Tour. FEATURE: Committed Committees: A grassroots organization relies on many active groups of members. FEATURE: Beyond Dollars & Cents: HRM helps tell the difference between money & wealth (a feature on using Holistic Resource Management to determine the true potential of a farm to turn a profit). BOOK REVIEWS: *Ring in the Wilderness*, edited by Rhoda R. Gilman; *Out of this World*, by Mary Swander. NEWS BRIEFS: PR Campaigns Target 'Ignorant' Consumers; Farm Profit is Gross; The Long & Short of Lawns; The Magic of Compounding; Dust to Dust. LSP NEWS: Bank Agrees to be Locally Accountable; Case Study Farm Shows Sustainable Hogs can be Profitable; Family, Factory Farms Contrasted on 'Tour'; Pros & Cons of Statewide Land Use Planning to be Discussed Nov. 7. LSP OFFICE UPDATES: 1000 Friends Spreads its Message this Fall; Hog Factories Invade Bluff Country. LSP MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Profile of LSP members Bob and Nancy Adams; Environmental Fund Offers Way to Support LSP. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

July/August 1996; No. 3

COVER STORY: Buck Rogers Puts on a Seed Corn Cap: Some say precision farming is agriculture's next revolution. But is there any sustainable substance behind all the high-tech hype? COVER STORY SIDEBAR: GPS on a shoestring (Before investing in all the bells and whistles of precision agriculture, Howard Kittleson is testing his own version of precision input application.). COMMENTARY: Different era, same problems (Are we headed for a repeat of the Dirty Thirties?). LETTERS. NEWS BRIEFS: Study links birth defects with pesticides; Midwest fertilizer causing dead zone in gulf; Better Row to Hoe wins reward; Livestock concentration a problem. LSP NEWS: New sustainability monitoring guide available; LSP's sulfide tests prompt officials to investigate manure lagoon toxins; Gruchow book wins literary award; Meridith Levy leaves LSP. FEATURE: When industrial ag comes to town (Here's a step-by-step guide for

organizing your community). UPDATES: BOOK REVIEWS: *Here and Nowhere Else: Late Seasons of Farm and its Family*, by Jane Brox; *Grass Roots: The Universe of Home*, by Paul Gruchow. OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES: LSP MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

May/June 1996; No. 2

COVER STORY: Putting Tools in Their Proper Place. Holistic Resource Management can help maintain the ultimate agricultural balancing act: people, land and capital. COVER STORY SIDEBARS: A Pocketful of Goal; Goal Tending; LSP & HRM. COMMENTARY: Value-driven economics; I'll Pass on Ornamental Grass. NEWS BRIEFS: Airport move crashes; Rutgers: good land planning saves money; Meat is concentrated; A new *New Farm?*; The seeds of love. LSP NEWS: LSP takes 'Stop Factory Farms' message to St. Paul; The real farm policy victory; Minnesota governor snubs beginning farmers; Taxes & Sprawl; Now Comes the Hard Part (Life after the farm bill). TWIN CITIES UPDATE: Good tools for an important job. SOUTHEAST UPDATE: LSPer's make gathering more than a meeting. Blurring the Boundaries (Can parks, farms be neighbors?). BOOK REVIEW: *Epitaph for a Peach*, by David Mas Masumoto. OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES. LSP MEMBERSHIP UPDATE. Who are our members? STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

January/February 1996; No. 1

COVER STORY: Holding Urban Sprawl Accountable. Poorly planned development is plowing through the best of what the land has to offer; leaving in its wake paved over farms, blighted cities and some expensive bills. COMMENTARY: Walking the ghost farm. NEWS BRIEFS: Agents: more people on land unrealistic; Poll finds farmers wary of corporate ag; 'Midwest Organic' label released; Social capital pays off. LSP NEWS: LSP -FACT & bank create loan program; NPPC tries to perfume manure issue; LSP declines invitation to 'environmental' summit; LSP interns begin training; People power: 2; corporate agriculture: 0. UPDATE WEST: Reading, writing and river-watching. UPDATE POLICY: Agricultural conservation in the cross hairs. FEATURE: Putting the pieces together: Statewide planning with local controls offers hope in fighting sprawl; Keeping farming in the neighborhood: A developer talks about his plans to combine clustered housing, open space & food production. BOOK REVIEWS: *Mapping The Farm: The Chronicle of a Family*; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

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November/December 1995; No. 6

COVER STORY: when the market has no hidden price tags: All the environmentally sound farming in the world will bring us no closer to sustainability as long as the food it produces remains a faceless commodity. COMMENTARY: A united market stand, by Paul Homme. LETTERS: On solid soil; Market concentration knows no boundaries. NEWS BRIEFS: Study: Bigger not better for main street; Hog odors go to the head, say researchers. SIDEBAR: CSA spends locally. LSP NEWS: Ag secretary meets with LSP members; Sobocinski joins staff; Members & staff share fun, information at First Annual Membership Gathering. SIDEBAR: Geographer: Sprawl masks causes & effects. FEATURE: Wonk-around-the-clock; Sustainable agriculture gets stuck in the budget muck. SIDEBAR: Lobby-time. UPDATE TWIN CITIES: Minnesota needs all the friends it can get. UPDATE SOUTHEAST: Achieving sustainability one step at a time. FEATURE: Locking in local markets; A small town processor can be an oasis in the land of mega-meat. BOOK REVIEWS: *Make No Small Plans; A cooperative Revival For Rural America*; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: The best kind of gift. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

September/October 1995; No. 5

COVER STORY: When people become part of the solution; When it comes to creating healthy watersheds, hauling junk out of the mud & stopping industrial pollution are only the beginning. COMMENTARY: Community built on water. LETTERS: Good fireside reading. NEWS BRIEFS: CSA conference Dec. 1-3 in Madison, Wis.; Dakota County opposes airport; LSP policy statement on proposed relocation of Twin Cities International Airport; SFA makes changes. LSP NEWS: LSP receives grants; LSP concludes 5 years on Cannon River area; Staff changes; Surprise! Market concentration is a problem; LSP, Lutheran Church offer Guenther's CSA-congregation booklet. FEATURE: Looking

toward a rural future; Design expert discusses ways farms & subdivisions can coexist. UPDATE POLICY: The many faces of grassroots democracy. UPDATE WEST: Holistic Resource Management is an ongoing journey. FEATURE: The currency of currents; Watershed-wide stewardship can stem a tide of red ink. BOOK REVIEWS: *Home on the Range*; *A century on the High Plains*; *Reflecting A Prairie Town: A year in Peterson*; OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Thank you for a successful year! STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

July/August 1995; No. 4

COVER STORY: Sustainable agriculture's Dow Jones index; Concern over soil erosion has served us well for six decades; now it's time to get the real dirt on the land's ecological health. COMMENTARY: Ridge-riding is soil-friendly. LETTERS: The politics of pork & animal welfare; Put nostalgia out to pasture. NEWS BRIEFS: Minnesota SFA leader Charles Cornillie dies; MISA clearinghouse gets go-ahead; Lugar/Leahy bill best sustainable bet; Analysis: Big farms would escape cuts. LSP NEWS: Factory hog issue receives national attention; August 23 field day to feature Monitoring Project farm; Government lenders hear about sustainable farming; *Houses in the Fields* video takes bronze; CSA pioneer Trauger Groh to speak September 21; Joe Fitzgerald retires from LSP board; Dan French & Cheryl Miller begin service; River Radio. SIDEBAR: 'Rural by Design' subject of October 4 talk. UPDATE TWIN CITIES: Project developing a sustainable gauge. UPDATE SOUTHEAST: Easing the transition to the next generation. FEATURE: A foot in the barn door; Partnerships can give the next generation a place on the land. FEATURE: The roots of positive change; The many sources of community organizing run deep & wide. BOOK REVIEWS: *Heart of the Land: Essays on Last Great Places*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES; MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Taking a bird's-eye view; STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

May/June 1995; No. 3

COVER STORY: Land & Animals: the Stewardship Link; Consumers say they want meat, eggs & milk that's produced with good animal husbandry; sustainable farmer can provide it. COMMENTARY: It's not just for the animals. NEWS BRIEFS: Bank of America: sprawl has overdrawn its account; Record farm acreage saved; Organic Alliance opens office; An *organic* apple a day is even better; Wisconsin BGH adoption lags; Is Monsanto's cash cow going lame?; MSAWG critiques USDA plan. LSP NEWS: LSP needs framer input for hog market study; LSP working for credit fairness; Western Minnesota's Chippewa River takes on some partners; LSP staff moves on. FEATURE: Another pair of eyes; The Minnesota Land Trust watches over easements like a hawk. UPDATE CANNON RIVER: Kellogg supports sustainable ag teamwork. UPDATE POLICY: People power fuels LSP policy work. FEATURE: Lean, mean & cruel; High-strung genetics & intense confinement don't mix; A kinder, gentler market; Consumers seek ways to support humane farming. BOOK REVIEWS: *MOO*; *Saving the Planet with Pesticides and Plastic: The Environmental Triumph of High-Yield Farming*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: It's spring, so spread it around. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

March/April 1995; No. 2

COVER STORY: Teaching the farm bill some new tricks: Cracks are forming in the foundations of U.S. ag policy. Will these fissures let sustainable reform filter through, or bring about the completer collapse of farm programs? COMMENTARY: Why bother with ag policy? LETTERS: Soil is the source; It's time to let Congress know what you think. NEWS BRIEFS: Sustainable ag minor being offered at U of M; Groups unite to push for a more sustainable farm bill; Urban sprawl bill introduced in Minnesota; Water quality incentives program not flowing well. SIDEBAR: Hog factory pulls out. FEATURE: Making every voice heard; Democratic change starts with the meetings. UPDATE SOUTHEAST: sustainable farms need sustainable markets. UPDATE WEST: Healthy watersheds are a state of mind. FEATURE: "We need to look at things holistically"—NRCS Chief Paul Johnson talks about the drawbacks to narrowly focused soil conservation efforts. FEATURE: IFM: A path to greener fields; But program suffers from restrictions, agency reluctance. BOOK REVIEWS: *The Soul of Nature: Images of a Living Earth*; *A Certain Longing*; *The Photography of Bob Nandell*; POETRY: "Sacred land". OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

January/February 1995; No. 1

COVER STORY: Sustainable eating 101: The CSA Lesson; From the politics of food to squash recipes, school's always in session on community supported farms. SIDEBAR: 300 attend CSA conference; Groh says farmers must 'stir people's lives'. COMMENTARY: BMPs aren't ultimate Rx. NEWS BRIEFS: CURE watershed victory sustained in court; LSP on sustainable development task force; Kenneth Taylor, MFA founder, dies; CRP funds saved, sustainable options possible; Study: farm-killing urban sprawl causes net financial loss. FEATURE: Getting the word out past the back fence; Farmers have a story to tell; here are some people who help relay it. FEATURE: A row full of opportunity;

7-state study finds sustainable ag friendly to land, bank account. SIDEBAR: Case studies: sustainable ag an effective debt deflator. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES: BOOK REVIEWS: *Future Harvest: Pesticide-free Farming*. OFFICE UPDATES: Cannon River—Hog issue merges policy, organizing, education; Twin Cities— Congregational CSAs bind people to the land. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

1994—Volume 12

November/December 1994; No. 4

COVER STORY: CRP: is there room for people?; Idling soil erosion doesn't have to mean idle farms. COMMENTARY: June Redig: 1964-1994. NEWS BRIEFS: Factory farm fighter Donald Lee Anderson dies. LSP NEWS: Land Stewardship Project becomes a membership-based organization. UPDATE WEST. UPDATE SOUTHEAST. FEATURE: The many faces of sprawling growth; LSP brings groups together to discuss sustainable development. SIDEBAR: Calthorpe: design communities around people, not autos. FEATURE: Coffee, stretching & big paper: An inside look at the LSP meeting process. SIDEBAR: Wall paper. BOOK REVIEWS: *Farming in Nature's Image: An Ecological Approach to Agriculture*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

August/September 1994; No. 3

COVER STORY: The unsustainability of factory hogs; Assembly line pork won't bring home the bacon for rural America. SIDEBAR: The numbers game. SIDEBAR: Raising hogs on contract: is it farming, or factory work? SIDEBAR: Factory farming & LSP. COMMENTARY: What about farming's social environment? NEWS BRIEFS: Sniffing out the real story; Sustainable snippets; CSA conference December 2-4; Rupprecht named top producer. UPDATE WEST: UPDATE SOUTHEAST: UPDATE CANNON RIVER: UPDATE TWIN CITIES. UPDATE POLICY. LSP NEWS: LSP to sponsor national urban sprawl conference; LSP to hold fall celebration; New volunteer coordinator needed; LSP staffers & board members meet. BOOK REVIEWS: *The Contrary Farmer*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES

Spring 1994; No. 2

COVER STORY: Brian DeVore named new Communications Coordinator. LSP HAPPENINGS: LSP's Farm Bill Advisory Committee flood plain management; Farm Beginnings in SE Minnesota office; LSP Board of Directors elected; LSP's Metro farm Program has been renamed the Sustainable Development Program; Factory Farm Campaign activists prevent provisions in some bills at the legislature; Richard Ness resigns. COMMENTARY: Pork Chop Economics. STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Winter 1994; No. 1

COVER STORY: 1,000 Friends of Minnesota, LSP launches initiative to manage growth, protect urban area farmland; Farmers, consumers raise concerns about BGH milk. LSP NEWS: LSP and AFT conduct land-use costs studies; Minnesota Environmental Fund proving beneficial to LSP; LSP offers farm estate planning workshops; LSP Position on Wetlands; New team leads LSP. SIDEBAR: 'Partners in Stewardship' is theme of 1994 Soil and Water Stewardship week. NEWS BRIEFS: Lac qui Parle hearing explores a 'great loss of soul'; Support grows for biomonitoring research; IFM commodity program option improves; Some plants scream for help. SIDEBAR: Sustainable Options Hotline is back on line. ACTION ALERT: Help stop NSP's nuclear waste storage plans. UPDATE POLICY: policy program team finds three focuses. UPDATE WESTERN: Prairie journal; CURE receives conservation award. UPDATE SOUTHEAST: Raising less corn and more hell. SIDEBAR: How many bushels of corn will buy a tractor?; LSP makes plans to redesign letter. COMMENTARY: Start Farming Again. OPINION: Farm program should be for family farmers. REVIEWS: *The Dairy Debate: Consequences of Bovine Growth Hormone and Rotational Grazing Technologies; The Earth is Our Home*. LETTERS; OPPORTUNITIES; RESOURCES

1993—Volume 11

Autumn 1993; No. 4

COVER STORY: At legislative hearing on corporate agriculture; Pro-family farm rally sends strong message; Farm annexation plan gets Met Council hearing. NEWS BRIEFS: Agency grants large-scale hog facility permits; Renville County group sues MPCA; Oklahoma law change clears path for 60,000-head hog facility; Chippewa County approves largest hop confinement facility yet; Seeing is believing: Farmland tour opens officials' eyes; Tax bill sweetens charitable giving opportunities; Whitewater watershed tour examines ecology and profitability; Robinson wins SWCS conservation award; SFA shares 'trade secrets' with a broader community. COMMENTARY: So shall you reap- Big farms versus the small community; Kounen family finds freeing their cows has freed themselves; Common as dirt: Our sub-terrestrial allies are nature's most efficient recyclers. UPDATE POLICY: LSP's Mark Schultz becomes mentor to apprentice organizer. POETRY: REVIEWS: Ringing a biodiversity alarm: *The Diversity of Life: In the Spirit of the Earth; Rethinking History and Time; Topsoil and Civilization*. LETTERS; OPPORTUNITIES. RESOURCES

Summer 1993; No. 3

COVER STORY: Legislative success for LSP's Metro Farm Program: Amendment protects eligible metro farmer from urban assessments; Century family farm stays chemical-free. UPDATE POLICY: Factory Farm Awareness Campaign faces new and ongoing challenges; Factory Farm Awareness campaign wins victory: Attempt to open up farming to corporations fails in legislature. COMMENTARY: A reminder of what sustainable agriculture is; Kroese testified before Senate committee. NEWS BRIEFS: Conservation farm tour blessed with community feeling and sunshine; LSP chooses two new board members; LSP participates in study: USDA's research adds assessment finds; New technique puts weeds in hot water; Sustainable agriculture answers animal welfare concerns and livestock industry woes; LSP's phones are kept busy after TV news plugs CSAs; Native Americans revitalize with sustainable farming; Panel finds pesticide residues put kids at risk, federal standards too low; LSP founder Ron Kroese departs after 11 years. COMMENTARY: Soil Erosion—The Untold Tragedy; Carpet or meadow? Ideological turf wars pit chemical lawn care against natural; Roscoe Prairie preserves landscape experienced by pioneers. SIDEBAR: Take the corporate quiz. OPINION: What ever happened to the farm co-op movement? REVIEWS: *Land Circle: Writings Collected From the Land; Boars' Dance; Beyond the Limits: Greenways for America*; OPPORTUNITIES. RESOURCES

Spring 1993; No. 2

COVER STORY: Factory Farm campaign halts legislation favoring corporate agriculture; Grass-based farming can be profitable way to begin. NEWS BRIEFS: LSP takes hog production alternatives to capitol and countryside; Corporate farming bill vetoed in Kansas; Is there a future for livestock on sustainable farms?; Poll says, Minnesotans would pay more for animal quality of life; Federal approval of BGH expected soon: Campaign begins to keep dairy plants BGH-free; Farmland preservation: Minnesota learns from Pennsylvania: LSP efforts focus on Dakota and Hennepin counties; Iowa county plans future around farming; 'Hands of Healing' is theme of Soil and Water Stewardship; New SAWG forming. COMMENTARY: Biobased products offer promise for a renewable future; Biodiversity is key to a healthy future. SIDEBAR: New process makes biodegradable plastic affordable. LSP NEWS: LSP reorganizes its board structure; LSP's tenth anniversary workshops—Agriculture needs a new mythology; Spirituality, land are intimately connected. UPDATE POLICY: National grassroots network prepares for '95 Farm Bill debate; Federal policy changes needed to support sustainable ag. UPDATE WEST: CURE wins Clean Water Action award: focus for 1993 is on citizen action and cultural awareness. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Readers comment on quality of LSP forums. REVIEWS: *State of the World: 1993; Farms of Tomorrow: Community Supported Farms—Farm Supported Communities; Growing Season*. OPPORTUNITIES. RESOURCES

Winter 1993; No. 1

COVER STORY: Community feeling pervades: LSP tenth anniversary celebration draws crowds and raves; LSP joins in launching Factory Farm Awareness Campaign. COMMENTARY: Wes Jackson says: To be really radical is to become native; Developing a sense of place is theme of reading; Twin Cities should take a lesson from Portland on land use; Community supported agriculture produces not just food, but opportunities for family farmers. LSP NEWS: LSP supporters protest Butz speech to agricultural lenders; Metro farm bus tours increase understanding of challenges facing metro area farmers; New staff join LSP; LSP board adopts position on urban land use; HRM alumni network thriving; 'Group think' makes lemmings of us all, days author Carol Bly; NEWS BRIEFS: Drop in number of land owners is serious concern; State SFA comes of age in less than five years; Poultry giant resorts to name calling; Seed Savers

Exchange's grassroots rescue efforts save rare garden seeds; Swine breed diversity shrinking faster than in other live-stock; Christian concern about environment increasing; Farmers, New York City agree on plan to clean up reservoirs; Veteran producers detail growing pains of marketing high value crops; Most farmers open to pesticide alternatives; 'Adopt a Pothole' program helps ducks and farmers. UPDATE POLICY: Realizing LSP vision depends on political activism, Senator Wellstone says at LSP tenth anniversary; Lappe', DuBois call for breathing new life into 'democracy' in America; SIDEBAR: LSP launches new giving program; New members needed for LSP's Action Alert Network. REVIEWS: *Trees, Why Do You Wait?*; *America's changing rural culture*; *Gift of Power: the Life and Teachings of a Lakota Medicine Man*. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES

1992—Volume 10

Autumn 1992; No. 4

COVER STORY: Minnesota farmer are going to 'Grazeland'; LSP: A decade of work for cultural change. SIDEBAR: LSP's controlled grazing workshops to be offered again in '93; LSP Landmarks; LSP expands farmland preservation programs to Dakota and Hennepin Counties; Federal funding for sustainable ag shrinks due to budget constraints. LSP NEWS: Long-time LSP supporter Gerold Redig dies; New Metro Farm organizer joins LSP; Constituents envision LSP's work for the future; Insurance executives agree to consider lending to beginning farmers; 'Farming for Profit, Land and Family' program dates sent. UPDATE WEST: CURE activities advance river clean up. NEWS BRIEFS: Cottage Grove votes against cutting up family farm; CSA Task Force hosts winter Community Supported Age conferences; Iowa strengthens soil loss law; Minnesota ag department forms sustainable farming task force. COMMENTARY: Saving the little pieces Just because it feels right; A tale of Two Hog Operations: What kind of agriculture do we want? This? Or this? REVIEWS: *What you need to know To keep your farm in the family*; *Chicken little, Tomato Sauce, and Agriculture: Who will produce tomorrow's food?* LSP LISTINGS. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. OPPORTUNITIES. RE-SOURCES. INSERT: To celebrate LSP's first decade, we are reprinting a few of our favorite articles.

Summer 1992; No. 3

COVER STORY: CURE calls out the National Guard—Minnesota River clean up crusade gathers steam; LSP rallies public support—Stillwater annexation of Schubert farm halted. COMMENTARY: We need long-range planning: Trading farmland for development rarely pays; Who rules the roost: Vertically integrated corporations control the poultry industry in the south. Is this what the future holds for Midwestern hog farmers?; Sustainable swine production is not dependent on confinement systems; Protection is not 'ducks vs. farmer' issue—Wetlands compromise offered by sustainable ag groups; SIDEBAR: Minnesota farmer finds raising pigs on pasture a sustainable alternative; The Legacy of Vertical Integration. LSP NEWS: LSP opposes nuclear waster disposal at Prairie Island; You are invited to attend LSP's 10th anniversary celebration; Beginning farmer credit legislation moving through Congress; LSP's Stewardship Farming Program receives national environmental award. SIDEBAR: Minnesota agriculture department launches farm transfer connection program. LSP LISTINGS. NEWS BRIEFS: Congress passes appropriations bills—Federal funding sustainable farming programs endangered; USDA Says we don't need all those people farming—Farm population down 50 percent in last 20 years. REVIEWS: *A Thousand Acres*; *Breaking Hard Ground: Stories of the Minnesota Farm Advocates*. SIDEBAR: Smiley to read at LSP's 10-year celebration; Minnesota researcher seeking farm women who have experienced violence. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. OPPORTUNITIES. RESOURCES

Spring 1992; No. 2

COVER STORY: LSP and U of M conduct benchmark sustainable farming survey; LSP project promotes community supported agriculture in Minnesota. COMMENTARY: Community supported agriculture is good for the farmer, good for the consumer. SIDEBAR: Turning a lawn into a garden; Food dollar pays for more than food. NEWS BRIEFS: Minimum tillage use reaches record high; Insurance companies remain active in agricultural lending, LSP survey reveals; New insurance commits U of M to sustainable agriculture; Farming Association helps farmers rediscover agriculture; New sustainable Farming Association chapter sets out to involve the entire agricultural community. SIDEBAR: LSP's new farm management seminars draw positive response. LSP LISTINGS. LSP NEWS: Beginning Farmer Fair draws capacity crowd; Plans are talking shape for LSP's 10-year celebration set for Nov. 14-15. COMMENTARY: Environment: The Happy Heaper. SIDEBAR: Test-tube tomatoes ripen in chemical bath. MEMBERSHIP: LSP needs your support. UPDATE POLICY: Changes to Minnesota's hog industry threaten family farmers. REVIEWS:

Sowing for Need or Sowing for Greed?; Sustainable Agriculture in Temperate Zones; Green Earth Resource Guide; RESOURCES. OPPORTUNITIES. UPDATE WEST: Western LSP organizes Minnesota River clean-up group

Winter 1992; No. 1

COVER STORY: Congress corrects glitches in sustainable farming programs; LSP helps form first land trust in Minnesota. **SIDEBAR:** Farm program options guide, hotline available. **UPDATE POLICY:** Two Minnesota counties say ‘no’ to large-scale livestock confinements; supreme Court upholds anticorporate farm law. **SIDEBAR:** LSP takes position on animal agriculture. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Number of hog farmers continues to decline; Nebraska forms new sustainable ag center; government study finds widespread herbicide contamination in Mississippi River basin; New model ordinance for soil loss limits developed; Supreme Court rules local governments can toughen pesticide laws. **COMMENTARY:** A Silence of Meadowlarks: Can a songbird’s demise lead us to a better economics?; Lessons from geese; Struggles of sustainable agriculture in Sweden parallel America’s. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Lowest level in this century—Number of farmowners continues to decline; Farmers retiring later, reluctant to pass on farm; Farm transfer workshops highlight emotional pitfalls and financial roadblocks. **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:** **REVIEWS:** *Small Places: In Search of a Vanishing America; Why We Live With Animals; Creation in Crisis: Responding to God’s Covenant.* **RESOURCES. LSP NEWS:** New funding gives boost to LSP projects; LSP celebrates 10 years of stewardship efforts

1991—Volume 9

Autumn 1991; No. 4

COVER STORY: Sustainable Farming Association conducts research for and by the people; Twin Cities suburb passes farmland protection code. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Two farmers make sustainability a lifestyle effort; Conservation practices protect soil, make landscapes picturebook pretty; Iowa nuns ‘bribe’ cattle; Conventional agriculture fertilizes global warming; Wilder Forest named outstanding landowner; U.S. farm numbers continue to decline. **LSP NEWS:** Veteran organizer, Mark Schultz, returns to LSP; Spirituality inspires farm stewardship; LSP to offer workshops, courses on consultation; LSP’s ‘Passing on the Farm’ workshops will address ‘graying’ of American agriculture; From implement chasing to directors’ meetings—the Rowekamps have been there from the beginning. **LSP LISTING. COMMENTARY:** Could success mean disaster for organic foods industry? Is there really anything new about sustainable agriculture? **SIDEBAR:** LSP initiates financial development project; Minnesota studies native species markets; Are insurance companies refusing to refinance balloon payments? **NEWS BRIEFS:** Organic farming is the rich and famous; NRDC report says—Farms could slash pesticide use by up to 80 percent. **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS:** *State of the World 1991: A worldwatch Institute Report on Progress Toward a Sustainable Society; The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: The Modern Agriculture Dilemma.* **RESOURCES. OPPORTUNITIES**

Summer 1991; No. 3

COVER STORY: Herbicides detected in rainfall; Grazing Beats BGH. **SIDEBAR:** Bring livestock back to Midwest farms. **COMMENTARY:** Dairy crisis is hurting sustainable farmers. **LSP NEWS:** LSP Organizer sees ‘Circle of Poison’ first-hand in Guatemala; LSP’s Lee Ronning elected chair to MEF; Summer field days to showcase improved farming practices; Volunteers fill gaps at LSP’s Lewiston Office; LSP begins education and consulting service. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Minnesota uses tax-exempt bonds to finance beginning farmer loan program; Biotechnology: Engineering family farms out of business?; Sustainable farming in the classroom; Pigs on pasture yield profits; Out of your car, off your horse—Twenty-seven propositions about global thinking and the sustainability of cities; Six percent farm equipment loans available; Progress on conservation compliance questioned. **SIDEBAR:** U.S. House bill would help new farmers with down payments; Trees will stand a stewardship legacy; Conservation compliance: Now comes the tough part; **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES**

Spring 1991; No. 2

COVER STORY: Metro farmers dig in for battle against development; USDA ignores Congress on water quality research; Rice County responds to urban encroachment. **NEWS BRIEFS:** 1990 Farm Bill research initiative opens door to sustainability; Field tests of genetically engineered plants proposed; USDA restores integrated farm program incentives but leaves acreage unacceptably low; Iowa ‘linked deposit’ plan makes loans to farmers, processors and marketers; Organic farming penalized; Kinder in the Garden; Farm, environmental groups oppose GATT ‘fast track’. **SIDEBAR:** GATT’s bad big idea. **LSP NEWS:** “Circle of Poison” bill reborn in Congress; Western Minnesota’s on-farm research shows progress in sustainable farming; Cannon River Watershed Project picking up steam; You can cultivate more than

corn from a tractor seat. OPINION: Cow clones: A gift of technology or a betrayal of Creation? LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES

Winter 1991; No. 1

COVER STORY: LSP sponsors Allan Savory lectures - Farmer meetings spark enthusiasm for new resource management process; Urban sprawl forums draw large turnouts. LSP NEWS: Flawed U.S. positions lead to GATT failure; LSP plans new farmer network; Children teach Sunday school a lesson; The high price of agribusiness; Sustainable farming conference marks 'coming out' of LSP's Cannon River office; A Chain Through Time. New sustainable farming booklets, videos available from LSP; Memorial book collection established for Bert Henningson; Western Minnesota Sustainable Farming Association holds first annual meeting; Farmers will share practical methods at winter workshops. SIDEBAR: Earth Day 1991; Soil and Eater Stewardship Week; Course to present ideas for sustaining farm profits. NEWS BRIEFS: Minnesota adopts water plan; CRP non-groundbreaking ceremony held; Forum brings candidates, farm groups together; The Dalai Lama on the environment; LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES. UPCOMING EVENTS

1990—Volume 8

Autumn 1990; No. 4

COVER STORY: LSP to sponsor public forums on urban sprawl; Farmer innovations produce economic, ecological gains. NEWS BRIEFS: Love-hate conflicts heat up land preservation efforts; Herbicides found in streams of ten Midwest states; Farm numbers still dropping; Outcome of farm bill still uncertain; New Sustainable Farmers chapters forming in Minnesota; Sweden puts its money where its mouth is; LISA report: 1990 overview; Farmers collaborate with researcher on rotational grazing study; Farmers support changes in environmental policy; Are degradable plastics for real?; The Asilomar Declaration for Sustainable Agriculture; Technology level affects household water use. LSP NEWS: LSP negotiations paying off: Insurance companies pledge better conservation, small farm loan program; Local field tours share a wealth of knowledge; What's Happening; Web of Life game helps kids make connections; Cannon River office opens in Faribault; First Tour de St. Croix bikathon creates awareness; Fall newsletter dedicated to Robert Rodale, a national leader in sustainable agriculture. COMMENTARY: Nature as measure; LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES. UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer 1990; No. 3

COVER STORY: Aetna agrees to improve farm management policies; Sustainable farmers travel to D.C. for farm bill debate. NEWS BRIEFS: Bill would redirect FmHA to original purpose; Biodiversity: the key to saving life on Earth; Poland seeks pesticide aid; Sustainable Ag Coalition calls for new commitment to soil conservation goals; GAO report associates federal farm programs with high inputs, erosion; Food Coops: The consumer link to sustainable farming; Survey; Organic foods gaining favor; Minnesota wetland losses detailed in new report; Earthworms rank high in soil building benefits; Widespread water shortages likely for the '90s, report says; Ancient pesticide returns. LSP NEWS: LSP announces upcoming summer farm tours; What's Happening; LSP to promote sustainable farming in Cannon River Watershed. COMMENTARY: Nature as measure: A lesson in soil erosion for kids; LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES. UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 1990; No. 2

COVER STORY: Environmental agenda urged for farm bill; LSP examines options for hopper control. NEWS BRIEFS: Iowa restricts use of Atrazine herbicide; Environmental/consumer groups offer agenda for Farm Bill; Farmers advise on changing to sustainable practices; Community Supported Agriculture links farmers, consumer; Will the '90s bring environmental health or more band-aids? LSP NEWS: Action Alert Network promotes sustainable farming; More gains made with Travelers; Participatory research: Research by and for the people; Workshop examines on-farm research, demonstrations; LSP co-hosts workshops on buying FmHA land; LSP explores community land trusts; What's Happening: Earth Day: Thoughts of a 7th grader; LSP joins fight to halt 'circle of poison'; New video, report focus on devastating urban sprawl. COMMENTARY: Thomas Berry: Dreaming of a new earth; Groups say no to herbicide-resistant plant research. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES. UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter 1990; No. 1

COVER STORY: In meeting with LSP Travelers agrees to improve land policies; Sustainable farming bill introduced in House. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Archbishop calls for fair farm policies; AETNA chooses feedlot over family farm; Soil erosion reduced on CRP land; South Dakota farmers favor environmental farm policy; ‘Citizens of ALL Creation’ is theme of Soil and Water Stewardship Week; Environment likely to be the religious issue of the ‘90s; A Farm chemical war is brewing over the 1990 farm bill; Current farm programs reward heavy chemical use; Crop rotations significantly slow erosion, study shows. **LSP NEWS:** Progress with Travelers: Agrees to offer \$100,000 in loans on Midwest inventory; Southeast Sustainable Farmer to meet; LSP initiates policy development program; Stewardship farming program hosts winter workshops; Minnesota natural prairie wins case; beginning farmer program extended; Four myths the agricultural chemical industry promotes about sustainable agriculture. **COMMENTARY:** Take a stand—plant a tree; Know Your Home Ground III. **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. REVIEWS. OPPORTUNITIES. UPCOMING EVENTS. RESOURCES**

1989—Volume 7

Autumn 1989; No. 4

COVER STORY: Farm women play a major role in transition to Sustainability; Agricultural research: people matter too. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Low-input farming holds great promise, major study confirms; Vertical integration: Is it friend of foe?; Sustainable agriculture is more than cutting back on chemicals; Don’t pay high prices for information on sustainable agriculture; New state program offers credit for beginning farmers; Absentee farm land ownership should be nixed, agriculture professor says; Great Plains wind erosion second-worst on record; Iowa State University seeks committed land steward; National soil tilth lab dedicated at ISU; Majority of farmers are concerned about farm chemicals, study shows; Highly erodible land conservation plan deadline nears; Grants available for stewardship farmers. **LSP NEWS:** Never underestimate the power of a committed few; Farmers from 3 states share research; Calculate your chemical use by profit, not clean fields, says scientist; LSP Board Update: Waterhouse elected new chair, Ray steps down; Farm lenders should reinvest in rural communities, state commerce official says; LSP Outreach Program expands educational offerings; A paradigm shift for extension: On-farm research in sustainable farming practices; Southeast Minnesota Sustainable Farmers directory now available; Don’t plow to reduce grasshopper problem; What’s Happening; **COMMENTARY:** The Latin Americanization of the Midwest? **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. UPCOMING EVENTS. RESOURCES**

Summer 1989; No. 3

COVER STORY: Sustainable farming bill re-introduced in U.S. Senate; Minnesota lawmakers pass groundwater protection bill. **LSP NEWS:** LSP to study land use/land tenure connection; AETNA farm lease policies stick in the mud; Farmer-to-farmer directory links Southeast Minnesota sustainable farmers; Southeast Minnesota farming field days scheduled; Farmer Profile: Richard Roth; Sustainable farming demonstrations underway in Western Minnesota; Dawson farmer hosts tour of demonstration project; Sustainable Farming Network forming in Western Minnesota; Requests up sharply for low-input farming information; Farm finance seminar scheduled for August; What’s Happening. **NEWS BRIEFS:** USDA soil tilth lab to study sustainable ag; Iowa low-input projects demonstrate farm savings; SCS reports four-fifths of plans developed; Farming in the greenhouse; Strength From A Stillness Within: Brazilian rubber tapper Chico Mendes died trying to protect the forest he loved; Maybe the animal rights movement is good for us; Fewer ag chemical TV ads; Churches publish statement on sustainable agriculture; Alternative systems did well in ‘88 drought, study says. **COMMENTARY:** One world, one environmental crisis; The Latin-Americanization of the Midwest? **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES**

Spring 1989; No. 2

COVER STORY: Travelers Insurance: Red-lining the rural Midwest; ‘Non-Degradation’ standard needed for groundwater. **COMMENTARY:** What if we all woke up? Ecomyopia: The most modern disease; What is sustainable agriculture?; How to restore the earth. **LSP NEWS:** Annual meeting of Sustainable Farmers draws 130 people; Sustainable farming groups offer Farm Bill recommendations; Workshops cultivate sustainable ag network in western Minnesota; LSL now printed on recycled paper. **NEWS BRIEFS:** Minnesota legislature funds organic certification program; Farmers experiment with protecting environment, reducing costs; Soil stewardship is focus of sustainable farming, S.D. study shows; Land based economic development: an alternative vision for rural America; Wanted: landowners with restorable wetlands; Newest CRP round begins July 17; States must lead in developing a new food policy, Hightower says. **WHAT’S**

Winter 1989; No. 1

COVER STORY: Far-reaching sustainable farming bill introduced in U.S. Senate; FCS will request conservation plans. NEWS BRIEFS: Winona County passes land use ordinance; Sustainable farming policy addressed at symposium; MFA calls for state policy on biotechnology; ‘Renewing the living earth’ is theme of 35th annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 30-May 7; Promote low-input farming, report tells government; Land based economic development: an alternative vision for rural America. LSP NEWS: Rural/urban dialogues bridge gaps; Farmers share the same needs as other workers; Rodale ‘Take Charge’ workshop coming to SE Minnesota; Farmer’s Corner: The Redig Family, Winona, Minnesota; Jerry Wenthold, Rushford, Minnesota; LSP sponsors sustainable farming workshops in Western Minnesota; LSP releases new slide show, video; LSP office moves to Marine on St. Croix. COMMENTARY: Remember Our Mother Earth; Ideas: What you can do for Soil and Water Stewardship Week; Defining ‘land stewardship’; Simplifying your lifestyle; A checklist for Tree Planting in Your Community; WHAT’S HAPPENING. UPCOMING EVENTS. LETTERS. RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES. BOOK REVIEWS

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COVER STORY: Sustainable ag field days inform, inspire SE Minnesota farmers; Insurance company farmland ownership jumps 27 percent. LSP NEWS: LSP to hold corporate farmland owners to ‘T’; Family farmers confront Travelers; KSP Board profile; LSP supports new land trust initiative; Land, Water and you: A Lac qui Parle Lake Regional Expo. NEWS BRIEFS: The Drought of 1988; Drought heralded worst in US history; New FmHA program to help borrowers protect wildlife; COMMENTARY: Are we sowing the seeds of mass starvation?; The transformation of family farming; Low-input ag research and education effort underway. WHAT’S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES

Summer 1988; No. 3

COVER STORY: LSP wants your ideas for USDA policy changes; Stewardship Farmers share on-farm research. LSP NEWS: Sustainability means harmony with the earth; Thinking of the earth as ‘Gaia’, a living organism; LSP’s new children’s play available; St. Paul actress Joan Lisi becomes ‘Gaia’ in new LSP play; LSP hires new staff; Will it be conservation compliance or business as usual?; New Sustainable Farming Association seeks reduced costs, improved livelihood; ‘Keeping the land and people together’ addresses absentee ownership. NEWS BRIEFS: Insurance company farm ownership estimated at 5 million acres; Barge storage program benefits grain firms; Studies reveal costs of erosion to farmers, environment; Radioactive fertilizer draws protests; Herbicide carryover haunts dry cornfields; Farmer involvement needed to protect groundwater; Under pressure from chemical companies-Congress fails to increase funding for ‘low-input’ ag; Tree planting hits all time high; Conservation accountability brought to FCS. COMMENTARY: On living as part of the natural world; Farmland stewardship requires a new attitude. WHAT’S HAPPENING; LETTERS; RESOURCES; REVIEWS; OPPORTUNITIES

Spring 1988; No. 2

COVER STORY: Local campaign wins policy changes from Mutual Benefit Life; Minnesota passes laws to benefit land. LSP NEWS: Travelers plans to repair land; On grass roots democracy; LSP’s FIAP hotline called about FCS land; Stewardship Committee surveys insurance companies’ farm ownership policies; Bus tour honors Stewardship Sunday; Holden Farms awarded for compost work; LSP stewardship farming workshops stress utilization of on-farm resources; Farmer meet to form sustainable ag group; LSP, Wilder forge farm project link. NEWS BRIEFS: Minnesota county passes erosion ordinance; Report documents farmland loss to lenders; Give credit where it is due; Sustainable ag field day scheduled for Lamberton; Guidelines for agriculture; Absentee investors benefit from CRP, Nebraska study shows; USDA establishes low-input program; Farm chemicals don’t always help yields, study shows; You said it best; it’s hard times for hard tomatoes in California court. COMMENTARY: Coalition of local volunteers works to save Minnesota lake; Ethical treatment must extend to farmland- farmland stewardship requires a new attitude. WHAT’S HAPPENING; LETTERS; RESOURCES; REVIEWS; OPPORTUNITIES

Winter 1988; No. 1

COVER STORY: More conservation provisions needed - FCS bailout provides reforms to benefit farmers and the land; St. John's sponsors forum on farmland ownership. LSP NEWS: Winona program takes aim at public policies; 'Stewardship is our future' theme of 34th annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 24 - May 1; LSP publication describes sustainable farming practices; Sample Lease Supplement for Soil and Water Conservation; LSP develops sample conservation lease supplement; Five 'Annie's' bring Planting in the Dust to Midwest. NEWS BRIEFS: On having the courage to take responsibility; Peru soil in excellent condition after 1,500 years of farming; FmHA agrees to protect foreclosed Iowa farmland; USDA to encourage set-aside provisions that help wildlife; Wall Street looks at farmland; Farmland sales rise; Living snowfences protect soil, wildlife, roads; Fertilizer companies risk fraud charges in Iowa; North Dakota sues insurance company. WHAT'S HAPPENING; LETTERS; RESOURCES; COMMENTARY: Toward an economic vision for a sustainable agriculture, Part Three; REVIEWS

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COVER STORY: Without care of land, no one benefits; Small farmers win one in Illinois. LSP NEWS: Insurance ownership report now available; Winona County LSP: Building local consensus for a revised land ethic; Truck farming, anyone?; Stewardship Farming Update; Urban Jewish youth plant trees in Winona. COMMENTARY: Are we good stewards of food?; Toward an economic vision for a sustainable agriculture. NEWS BRIEFS: FDA approves irradiation of fruits and vegetables; St. Paul city council to vote on food policy; ATTRA offers resource for farmers; WHAT'S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES. REVIEWS

Summer 1987; No. 3

COVER STORY: Community involvement grows in LSP's Winona Model County Project; Insurance industry owns 4.1 million acres of U.S. farmland. LSP NEWS: Stewardship farming program update; Missourians organize local campaign to protect land; Farm achieves natural balance—Earthworms, songbirds, profits abound after chemicals forsaken; Legislative update; New laws help protect Iowa's resources; Minnesota strengthens conservation bills; Soil conservation hinges on farmer attitudes. NEWS BRIEFS: Diversion sign-up heavy; Leucaena: The 'miracle tree'; Campaign would honor Kansas soil; USDA to open office of small scale agriculture; Iowa State announces test of alternative farming methods; Organic crops resist drought, study says; Good Idea; Plowing under the farmer; Regenerative farming requires willing ownership; Farmers gear up for health-conscious consumers. COMMENTARY: Toward an economic vision for a sustainable agriculture; Expanding our sense of tragedy in American agriculture; WHAT'S HAPPENING; LETTERS; RESOURCES; NEW RELEASES

Spring 1987; No. 2

COVER STORY: Insurance Company mortgages valued at more than \$12 billion; Seminar explores groundwater damage in SE Minnesota. LSP NEWS: Low input farming seminars draw good crowds in SE Minnesota; Minnesota leader in CRP sign-ups; LSP board member leads NACD convocation; Groundwater protection starts locally; LSP farm needs grain drill. NEWS BRIEFS: Iowa's land values decline again; Wisconsin program rewards soil stewards; Minnesota study finds agriculture major source of water pollution; Where's the beef from?; Bad winter for wind erosion; Protecting environment is focus of new Iowa Extension program; Iowa teachers honored for environmental education; Achieving sustainable agriculture is aim of OGBA conference; COMMENTARY: Biotechnology and supply side thinking. WHAT'S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES. REVIEWS

Winter 1987; No. 1

COVER STORY: LSP Sets up farmland protection hotline; Lappe to address LSP annual convocation on the land; Winona conservation up, study shows. LSP NEWS: LSP holds sustainable framing workshops in SE Minnesota; Leopold land ethic resolution introduced in Congress; Leaders confer on eco-justice issues; Urban-rural conference slated for March; Winona project wins National Arbor Day award; Soil Conservation Society honors LSP. NEWS BRIEFS: IAA symposium will focus on groundwater quality; Federal farm programs could protect groundwater; Love trees, love your country; Reagan cuts SCS budget again; Think Little; Plant CRP land to living snow fences to multiply

benefits; Legislative conference to examine farm chemical use, regulation; Pesticides miss targets, study shows. COMMENTARY: The farm crisis is a values crisis; The problem is overproduction; a defense of the family farm. WHAT'S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES. BOOK REVIEW

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COVER STORY: LSP to help manage conservation showpiece; LSP begins 3-year on-farm study. LSP NEWS: Farmers, fishers, naturalists join forces for conservation; LSPers plant trees on Hauck farm; ‘The battleground for saving soil is the human soul’; Winona Update; Conservation Reserve Program well worth the money; Planting in the Dust moves into Nebraska; LSP consultants publish stewardship book. NEWS BRIEFS: Permaculture conference promotes eco-ag; Conference planned for sustainable agriculture; Iowa losing ground—literally; Study shows cancer, agriculture chemical link; Nebraska farmer ‘frills for soil’; 9 million acres idled by CRP; Minnesota RIM sign-up exceeds funding. COMMENTARY: An Erosion Of Values On The Land: Conservation plan plowed under; weed patch or prairie garden? What is proper lawn stewardship?; A defense of the family farm, part 2. RESOURCES. LETTERS. BOOK REVIEW

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: LSP launches insurance company farmland research program; Farmland is falling into corporate hands. LSP NEWS: Your SWCD needs you; At Prairie Festival—Francis Hole sings about the wonder of soil; Wes Jackson links stewardship, community; Iowa LSP sponsors ministers’ tour; Winona Model County Update; Please plant trees; Agriculture and conservation: Making the connection. NEWS BRIEFS: Study shows FmHA could hold more than 20,000 farm properties by 1988; Lawn chemicals pollute environment, poison people; Minnesota Passes Farmland Protection Property Tax Credit Program; Minnesota leads in CRP bids; Iowa’s state plan stresses stewardship; You said it best; A stewardship commandment?; COMMENTARY: A Defense of the family farm—part 1. WHAT'S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES. BOOK REVIEWS

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: New farm bill contains strong conservation provisions; Minnesota bill would link soil protection, tourism. LSP NEWS: Cheap food policy means dirty snow; Winona model county update; Wabasha LSP offers class; Good Idea; Hancock officials agree to restore Hauck farm: conservation commitment still needed for other farms; *Planting in the Dust* actress writes on Playing Annie; You said it best; Hatemongers try to make political hay from farm crisis; Thompson Farm field days attract a large crowd. NEWS BRIEFS: Taking advantage of the farm crisis; Research should change to benefit producer, environment; A simple solution?; Farmer adopts total ridge-till in one year; New book focuses on plight of Minnesota homesteader; Iowa meeting reveal hope in heartland; Iowa land values down; Iowa family wins 1985 soil conservation award. COMMENTARY: The wonder of soil. WHAT'S HAPPENING. LETTERS. RESOURCES. BOOK REVIEWS

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: Hancock is willing to meet with LSP; On the Economy: The Cost of Erosion. LSP NEWS: Conservation tillage: one element of land management system; Winona Model County Update: LSP Associate Director Steve O’Neil takes new position; Winona garden project is success; Redigs recall old days; Thanksgiving programs cite stewardship; Conservation worship service marks new terraces; Minnesota woman opts for conservation; LSP Board and Staff Expand; *Planting in the Dust* moves to Iowa and South Dakota; Survival and the urban ethic; Pesticide regulations are based on costs and benefits; You’ve just lost your best excuse; American bishops say, Stewardship should be everyone’s concern. NEWS BRIEFS: Agri-chemicals are health risk; Ag Productivity Act looks likely; Keep fingers crossed for soil legislation; World campaign targets 12 ag pesticides; Freudenberger advises clergy, “Time is running out”; Illinois bank promotes conservation tillage; GAO pesticide study

announced; [OPINION](#): Stewardship of the land; You said it best. [WHAT'S HAPPENING](#). [LETTERS](#). [RESOURCES](#). [BOOK REVIEW](#)

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. [COVER STORY](#): Will John Hancock insure the land for our children?; 1985 Farm Bill: another chance for the soil? [NEWS BRIEFS](#): Soil conservationists rap terrace bulldozing; Conservation easements: a credit crisis compromise; How to get involved; Does decertification threaten Sand Hills? Nation's churches celebrate Soil Stewardship Week; Wisconsin program preserves farmland with tax credits; Senate Farm Bill includes ag. productivity provision; International Coalition studies Valley concerns. [LSP NEWS](#): Winona Model County Project Update; Winona garden is community effort; "Take care of land, then pass it on," says Alice Vail; Minnesota town plants first city windbreak; LSP play visits Kansas, Chicago; Prominent speakers lead September conference; Food, Farming and Justice event set for Twin Cities; LSP has openings in Valley. [WHAT'S HAPPENING](#). [LETTERS](#). [RESOURCES](#). [OPINION](#): You said it best. [LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#): Minnesota picks pilot counties; Missouri passes soil sales tax; Montana Passes Alternative Ag Bills; South Dakota toughens erosion control law. [BOOK REVIEWS](#)

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. [COVER STORY](#): Reagan budget would gut SCS—A strange 50th anniversary observance; Topsoil is gone with winter wind. [LSP NEWS](#): Winona County Model Update; Iowa demonstration project begins; You can influence 1985 farm bill; Herb Flueck: there at the beginning; Diversification: key to stewardship in the Valley?; LSP play featured in NACD meeting and Kansas festival; Why crop rotation pays. [NEWS BRIEFS](#): Erosion prompts switch to ridge-till; Hamburger Republics; Biotechnology: proceed with caution!; Conservation reserve would protect wildlife, soil; Lasso review may take two years; Federal agriculture programs should be built on conservation; Soil conservation and the 1985 Farm Bill: an urban-rural link; Nebraska forum examines farm ethics; Conservation Tillage Signs available; Mineral-poor soil linked to diseases; Good ideas; [OPINION](#): You said it best; Letter advocates land stewardship. [WHAT'S HAPPENING](#). [LETTERS](#). [RESOURCES](#)

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. [COVER STORY](#): South Dakota candidates call for strong conservation; Sodbuster will try again in '85. [LSP NEWS](#): LSP sponsors legislators' forum; Ag-Stravaganza Gears Up; LSP to begin in Arkansas; LSP begins model county program; Minnesota couple receive conservation award; LSP meetings set for Red River Valley; LSP materials cited in ethics article; NACD adapts project oral history kit; The art of farming; Nebraska LSP group wants tax breaks for soil savers; *Planting in the Dust* opens in Minnesota; Two field coordinators hired in South Dakota. [NEWS BRIEFS](#): Off-the-farm cost of soil erosion may exceed what it costs farmers; National Geo looks at erosion; Missouri passes first conservation tax; Over 500 attend Iowa field day; Inventory shows high soil losses; Shelterbelts increase crop yields, Nebraska study shows; Soil Symposium set for Omaha February 19-20; Countdown for conservation; South Dakota declares trees tax exempt; Canada reports national risks in soil erosion. [COMMENTARY](#): Love not money keeps couple farming; Does your conservation district need a chaplain? [WHAT'S](#)

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: South Dakota LSP meetings lead to action; NRI shows some improvement but problems. LSP NEWS: At St. Paul gathering—Jackson posits sustainable ag; Crop rotations boost yields; Organic methods yield profits; Ben Schole hired in Nebraska; SCS Chief advises of Soil Loss Co\$; Wabasha farm couple sows seeds of conservation; LSP Seeks South Dakota field coordinator. NEWS BRIEFS: In Soil Stewardship Week—Churches find “Common Commitment”; Terraced fields are tribute to man who loved the land; Peer pressure works; Students visit Denmark as Iowa is first in exchange program; Lutheran Convention hears farm problems; Conservation Reserve idles 264,000 acres; South Dakota names Conservation Minister of the Year; African Famine Update. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Conservation Act deadlocked; Minnesota passes erosion laws; North Dakota saves soil and money; Ill winds blow some good—Colorado passes plowout control; House soil act draws support; South Dakota Candidates Forum planned; South Dakota laws prepare for conservation year; WHAT’S HAPPENING: ALC staff sees stewardship in action. LETTERS. BOOK REVIEWS. RESOURCES

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: St. Cecelia Parish put people before profits; Nebraska LSP meetings. LSP NEWS: Soil legislation discussed at LSP forum; Soil Stewardship Week; Jackson to speak for LSP; Project slide/tape presentation debuts at NACD Convention; The personal touch; What motivates farmers to be soil conservers?; NEWS BRIEFS: Conservation to be curriculum focus in Iowa schools; AFT Soil Conservation Study results to released soon; August Rural Institute planned; Block associate converts 11,000 acres; The Campbell Farm; Endowment for soil and water organized 50 Years of soil conservation; African food crisis; USDA sets up conservation reserve program. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PIK or choose. WHAT’S HAPPENING. LETTERS. COMMENTARY: Plowdown in Montana. BOOK REVIEWS. RESOURCES

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SORRY, NO BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE. COVER STORY: Lauren Soth and Bishop Dingman address Iowa LSP meetings. LSP NEWS: LSP Legislative forum; New field coordinators named in Iowa and Minnesota; LSP participants testify in US Senate hearings; Church groups endorse LSP; Kansans hear about LSP at sustainable ag conference; LSP receives grants form Nebraska Humanities Committee, Joyce Foundation, Beldon Fund. NEWS BRIEFS: DNR chooses conservation tillage; Time to act on soil conservation; New Sierra Club priority; 94 million acres conservation tilled; Goodhue County tillage field day held; WHAT’S HAPPENING: Soil Stewardship Week; Living Waters. OPINION: Land stewardship: the ethical dimension of soil conservation. RESOURCES. COMMENTARY: You said it best.

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