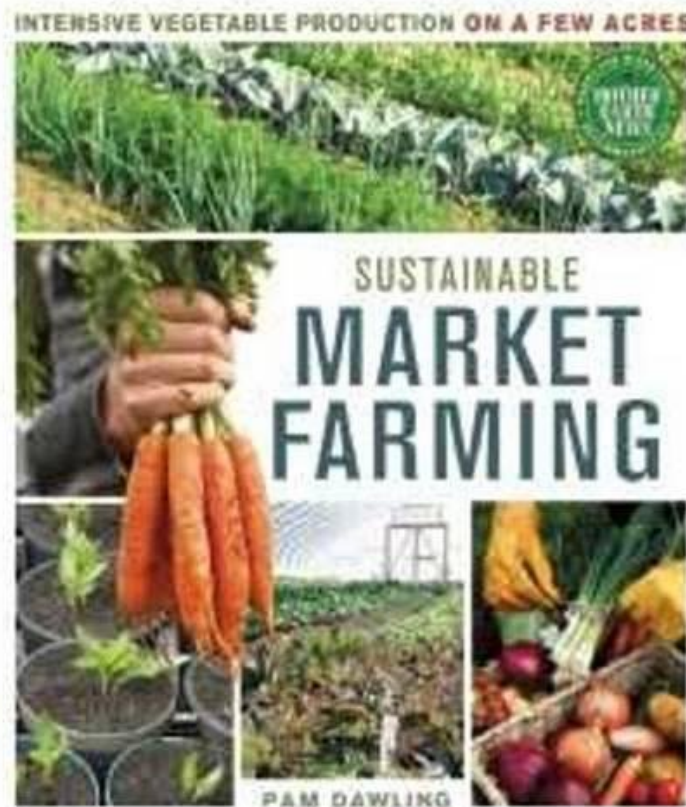


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I have the Kindle version and would very much like to have a print copy to refer to. There is so much useful info in this book. Pam Dawling is so incredibly knowledgeable and she and her community have an amazing way of running their farm! She doesn't actually sell the produce that she grows, as she's part of the team that produces food for a 100-member residential community, but issues about maintaining production year-round (salad), storage, organic management of pests, seed saving, quality, etc. are all important to her operation - just as they would be on a market farm. The individual crop information that's included is amazing- Dawling has distilled information that's hard to find, and I'm so grateful! I only managed to read 1% of this book per night and then my mind was blown! The index at the end of the Kindle version has links to the pages that are referred to, so that's nice. There are a lot of resources (books, websites, etc) listed at the end of the book, as well.

Across North America, an agricultural renaissance is unfolding. A growing number of market gardeners are emerging to feed our appetite for organic, regional produce. But most of the available resources on food production are aimed at the backyard or hobby gardener who wants to supplement their family's diet with a few homegrown fruits and vegetables. Targeted at serious growers in every climate zone, *Sustainable Market Farming* is a comprehensive manual for small-scale farmers raising organic crops sustainably on a few acres. Informed by the author's extensive experience growing a wide variety of fresh, organic vegetables and fruit to feed the approximately one hundred members of Twin Oaks Community in central Virginia, this practical guide provides: Detailed profiles of a full range of crops, addressing sowing, cultivation, rotation, succession, common pests and diseases, and harvest and storage Information about new, efficient techniques, season extension, and disease resistant varieties Farm-specific business skills to help ensure a successful, profitable enterprise Whether you are a beginning market grower or an established enterprise seeking to improve your skills, *Sustainable Market Farming* is an invaluable resource and a timely book for the maturing local agriculture movement. Pam Dawling is a contributing editor with *Growing for Market* magazine. An avid vegetable grower, she has been farming as a member of Twin Oaks Community in central Virginia for over twenty years, where she helps grow food for around one hundred people on three and a half acres, and provides training in sustainable vegetable production.

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