



**5th Annual
Northern Michigan
Small Farm Conference**

**Saturday, January 31, 2004
Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord, Michigan**



The conference will begin at 8 a.m. Eliot Coleman, author and organic farmer of Harborside, Maine, will offer the morning keynote address about organic agriculture for Michigan small farms. Eliot will also provide two breakout sessions, including Tools for the Small Farm and Winter-Harvest – Season Extension with High-Tunnels.

Sally Fallon, a journalist, chef, nutrition researcher and author, will offer an afternoon keynote session and in-depth presentation on the importance of value-added operations to small farms and rural communities, and why nutrition and health should matter to producers.

Other sessions will focus on:

- Soil Management
- Woodlot Management
- Business Planning
- Using Livestock as Production Tools
- The New Michigan State University (MSU) Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Grass is Green Gold

Presenters include Wendy Wieland, MSU Extension Ag. Business Development Educator Northern Lakes Economic Alliance; Steve Fouch, Benzie County MSU Extension Director; Tom Kalchik, Assistant Director of the MSU Product Center; Kirk Waterstripe of Midwest Soil and Health Services; Ann Clark, Associate Professor, University of Guelph.

The program will include a lunch featuring locally produced products and trade show exhibits with farm products and services.

The admission for the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference is \$35 for the first registrant from a farm, \$20 for each additional registrant. Registration includes lunch and other refreshments and conference materials. The registration **deadline is Jan. 15** to guarantee a lunch. Late registration or walk-in registration will be charged an additional \$5 per person.

For more information about the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference, contact the Antrim County MSU Extension office by calling 231-533-8818 or you can visit the Small Farm Conference Website at www.msue.msu.edu/msue/iac/farmconf/

The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture; The USDA Risk Management Agency; MSU Extension; MSU's Project GREEN; Michigan Farm Bureau; MSU's Sustainable Agriculture program; the Healthy Traditions Network; the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance; the Michigan Agricultural Stewardship Association; the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance; Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems; and Northern Innovative Communities.