

Accessing Information: Traditional and Nontraditional Sources

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Many small farmers and information providers have expressed the need for learning effective ways to access and use information from many sources, both inside and outside traditional institutional channels. Our workshop presentation will address these objectives:

- Provide a practical understanding of how non-governmental organizations, private publications, and federal and state programs each contribute to gathering, transferring, and organizing many kinds of information useful for small farmers and to those who provide information to small farmers.
- Through five case studies, describe how three national (ATTRA, SARE, Small Farm Today) and two

regional programs (ALFDC and a North Central regional farmer information network) are equipping small farmers with more options and tools for sharing and accessing information in many forms.

- Offer tips and how to's that will help participants find other unique programs around the U.S. that take a cross-cutting approach to information resource development.