Step 1: Background

You may need to look up background information or definitions of terms to help you understand your topic better, and to give you ideas on how to dig more deeply for information on it. For other background sources, search the Library catalogue.

Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada
http://www.organicagcentre.ca/index_e.asp
Research and education provided by this government funded initiative.

Organic in Ontario
A collection of OMAFRA guides and information on organic agriculture.

Ecological Agrarian: agriculture’s first evolution in 10,000 years
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Benefits of Crop Rotation for Sustainable Agriculture in Dryland Farming. Canada Dept. of Agriculture 1990
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Crop improvement for sustainable agriculture University of Nebraska 1993.
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Agronomic Crops Team on-farm research projects. Rzewnicki, Phil. 2002.
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Step 2: DVDs, Videos and Movies

Conservation tillage and residue management [videorecording]. OMAFRA 1992
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Go Further [DVD]
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Organic field crops: sharing the experience [videorecording]. Canadian Organic Growers. 19??
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Step 3 : Magazines and Journals— on our shelves

Alternatives
The Canadian Organic Grower
Ecological Farming in Ontario
Organic Broadcaster
Small Farm Today
Small Farm Canada
The Rural Voice

Electronic

To find articles and current research about your topic, use articles from journals at the Guelph library website. Search our collection of articles in a journal database where articles from magazines and journals are listed and collected. Look for the ‘Get It’ button or full-text link to read articles online.

Start Here: Journal indexes – select Agricultural and Food Sciences
http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal_indexes

Agricola: a comprehensive index to agricultural and life sciences information. The primary focus is on the United States but there is international information as well. Subject areas covered include all areas of agriculture, such as plant and animal science, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural products, alternative farming practices and food and nutrition.

Biological Sciences: an interdisciplinary database offering abstracts and citations to a wide range of research in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology and ecology, and some aspects of agriculture and veterinary science.

CABDirect: provides international literature in agriculture, forestry, and allied disciplines, including: animal and crop husbandry, animal and plant breeding, plant protection, genetics, forestry engineering, economics, veterinary medicine, human nutrition and rural development. The abstracts cover articles in 10,000 journals as well as books, theses, conference papers and reports.
**Step 4 : Searching the Internet**

The term "public websites" refers to sites that can be freely reached through a search engine. Many of the links given above lead you to "invisible web sites" that the library pays for, such as journal databases. Typically, if your professor tells you not to use web sites on an assignment, they are referring to public web sites.

When searching, remember to try alternate words for your topic.

**Sustainable Agriculture**  
www.sare.org

**Moses Organic (USA)**  
www.mosesorganic.org

**National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (USA)**  
http://sustainableagriculture.net/

vandanashiva.org

organicfarmforum.com

**Cornell University Organic Vegetable Production Guides**  
www.nysipm.cornell.edu/organic_guide

**eOrganic** Oregon State University Extension  
http://eorganic.info/

**US Cooperative Extension Service Online**  
www.extension.org

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**Step 5: Help for your assignments**

**Don’t forget Peer Helpers and the Academic Skills Consultant @ your library !**

**Refworks**  
http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/refworks/  
Use this free software to organize the sites and sources you need to create your references in APA format.

**APA Style Guide**  
http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/undergraduates/citations&_referencing/  
APA.cfm  
Use this guide to correctly cite your sources in written work – essays, assignments, etc.

This course guide is also online @Ridgetown Campus: See Course Guides.