

Jennifer Sumner

1. Research directly related to organic agriculture

Project title: **An Assessment of How Organic Agriculture Can Strengthen the Relationships Between Rural and Urban Communities** (completed)

Description: This OACC discussion paper examines the potential for organic agriculture to strengthen the relationships between rural and urban communities.

Publication: Sumner, Jennifer. (forthcoming). *Building Bridges: How Organic Agriculture Can Strengthen the Relationships Between Rural and Urban Communities*. Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada

Project title: **Organic Farmers and the Social Economy** (completed)

Description: As part of the Canada-wide SSHRC Social Economy Suite, this project explores the social economy among organic farmers, and investigates its contributions to the sustainability of rural communities.

Publication: Sumner, Jennifer and Sophie Llewelyn. (forthcoming). "Organic Farmers and the Social Economy: Positive Synergies for Community Development." In Laurie Mook and Jack Quarter (eds.), *Why the Social Economy Matters*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Project title: **Organic Farmers and Rural Community Development** (completed)

Description: This research examines the links between organic farmers and the sustainability of rural communities.

Publication: Sumner, Jennifer. 2005. "Organic Farmers and Rural Development: A Research Report on the Links Between Organic Farmers and Community Sustainability in Southwestern Ontario." Available at: http://www.organicagcentre.ca/ResearchDatabase/res_social_science.html

2. Research indirectly related to organic agriculture

Project title: **Urban Agriculture and Local Food** (not yet completed)

Description: This research examines the cultural aspects of urban agriculture, including leisure activities, food festivals and community building.

Publication: Sumner, Jennifer and Heather Mair. (forthcoming). "Putting Culture Back into Agriculture: Leisure, Social Engagement and the Celebration of Local Food." *International Journal of Sustainable Agriculture*.

Project title: **Sustainable Food Systems and Rural Planning and Development** (completed)

Description: This research examines the role of food and sustainable food systems in rural planning and development in Canada.

Publication: Sumner, Jennifer. (forthcoming). "From Land to Table: Rural Planning and Development for Sustainable Food Systems." In David Douglas (ed.), *Rural Planning and Development in Canada in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities in the Context of Globalization*. Toronto: Nelson Education Limited.