Major Organizations and Information Sources

Public Research and Nonprofit Associations

Supporting the efforts of private companies in the development of the sunflower industry are public-supported research institutions and nonprofit associations. The following is a list and brief description of the functions and purposes of such groups:

State Agricultural Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension Service

The Agricultural Experiment Stations, which conduct research, and Cooperative Extension Services, which deliver adult education programs in the major sunflower production areas, are at:

- **Colorado State University**, Fort Collins, CO 80523
- **Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS 66506
- **North Dakota State University**, Fargo, ND 58105
- **South Dakota State University**, Brookings, SD 57006
- **Texas A & M University**, College Station, TX 77843 (branch stations at Lubbock and Bushland)
- **University of California**, Davis, CA 95616
- **University of Minnesota**, St. Paul, MN 55108, and Crookston, MN 56716

Extension Publications

Many Extension publications giving specific information on sunflower production, insect pests, diseases, herbicide use, marketing and food use are available. These are readily available through your county or state Extension offices.

Federal Research

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the USDA, working with state agricultural experiment stations and cooperative Extension personnel in the major sunflower-producing areas, have developed inbred lines for hybrids, conducted research and provided information on production, utilization and marketing aspects. The main USDA-ARS sunflower unit is at the Northern Crops Science Laboratory on the campus of North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58105, www.fargo.ars.usda.gov.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Unit 100-101 Route 100
Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1Y5 CANADA
www.agr.gc.ca/

The National Sunflower Association

4023 State St. N.
Bismarck, ND 58502-0690
Tel: (888) 718-7033 or (701) 328-5100
http://sunflowernsa.com/

The National Sunflower Association was organized in 1975 to promote the sunflower industry and to solve common problems. This association is intended to represent the interest of growers, processors and seed companies, including country elevators, exporters and other merchandisers. It publishes The Sunflower magazine and sponsors The Sunflower Research Forum, a meeting devoted to scientific reports and topics of general interest.

National Sunflower Association of Canada

Box 1269
Carman, MB R0G 0J0
Phone: (204) 745-6776
info@canadasunflower.com
www.canadasunflower.com/
The International Sunflower Association
12 Avenue George V
75008 Paris, France
The objective of the International Sunflower Association is to improve international cooperation and to exchange information in the promotion of research of agronomics, processing techniques and nutrition associated with the production, marketing, processing and use of sunflower. This objective is accomplished by sponsoring and publishing the proceedings of international conferences and by publishing the Sunflower Newsletter, a quarterly periodical.

Sources of Information of General Interest

Governmental Statistical Reporting Services
Sunflower production and farm price statistics are released by the following state and federal offices of Economics, Statistics and Cooperative Extension Service, USDA:

- **North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service**
P.O. Box 3166
Fargo, ND 58103-3166

- **South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service**
Box 31 Drawer V
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

- **Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service**
Seventh and Roberts Street
Metro Square, Suite 270
St. Paul, MN 55101

- **Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**
Box 70
Austin, TX 78767

- **National Agricultural Statistics Service**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Sunflower Technology and Production
ASA Monograph 35. 1997, 834 pages. Albert A. Schneider, editor. This monograph text is the extensive revision of the original Agronomy Monograph 19 Sunflower Science and Technology. The monograph has many contributing authors addressing and reporting all the scientific work on sunflower that is in the literature. It has become the “bible of knowledge and information” for all who wish to read and study about the sunflower plant, its origin, development, production and utilization.

The Sunflower
(by C.B. Heiser Jr. from Univ. of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK 73069, for $10.95)
This 200-page book, authored by a botanist and written in layman’s language, covers historical development, the distribution and interrelationships of sunflower species. It describes sunflower as an international commercial crop, as ornamentals and as weeds.

The Sunflower
(4023 State St. N., Bismarck, ND 58501-0690)
The Sunflower magazine is published nine times a year by the National Sunflower Association of America. It is intended for growers, merchandisers, processors, hybrid seed companies, researchers and other legitimate interests in the sunflower industry.

Sunflower Directory
(4023 State St. N., Bismarck, ND 58501-0690, $10)
The directory includes more than 150 companies, in addition to several trade organizations, government agencies and universities, which have a unique function in the sunflower industry. More than 400 individuals having expertise in sunflower also are listed.

High Plains Sunflower Production Handbook
2005, 44 pages. (Kansas State University- Agric. Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service). Joint publication of Kansas State University, Colorado State University, University of Nebraska, University of Wyoming and USDA-ARS Central Plains Research Center, Akron, Colo. Also supported by: Kansas Sunflower Commission, National Sunflower Association – High Plains Committee and Colorado Sunflower Administrative Committee.