Growing And Marketing Ginseng, Goldenseal And Other Woodland Medicinals
Synopsis

Not all saleable crops are dependent on access to greenhouses or sun-drenched, arable land. Shade-loving medicinal herbs can be successfully cultivated in a forest garden for personal use or as small-scale cash crops. Growing and Marketing Ginseng, Goldenseal and other Woodland Medicinals is a complete guide to these increasingly popular botanicals, aimed at aspiring and experienced growers alike. In this fully revised and updated edition, authors Jeanine Davis and W. Scott Persons show how more than a dozen sought-after native species can generate a greater profit on a rugged, otherwise idle woodlot than just about any other legal crop on an equal area of cleared land. With little capital investment but plenty of sweat equity, patience, and common sense, small landowners can preserve and enhance their treed space while simultaneously earning supplemental income. Learn how to establish, grow, harvest, and market: Popular medicinal roots such as ginseng, goldenseal, and black cohosh; Other commonly used botanicals including bloodroot, false unicorn, and mayapple The nutritious wild food, ramps, and the valuable ornamental galax. Packed with budget information, extensive references, and personal stories of successful growers, this invaluable resource will excite and inspire everyone from the home gardener to the full-time farmer. Jeanine Davis is an associate professor and extension specialist with North Carolina State University. Her focus is helping farmers diversify into new crops and organic agriculture. W. Scott Persons is the author of American Ginseng: Green Gold and an expert in growing and marketing wild-simulated and woods-cultivated ginseng.

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For three centuries people have been taking important medicinal plants from the wild, but this book explores the much better way to meet the demands of a rapidly growing market. Persons and Davis provide state-of-the-art information on growing and selling high-value herbs such as bloodroot and black cohosh as well as the plants named in the title. There are plenty of stories from experienced growers, too, which helps to make this book remarkably enjoyable to read. The authors’ emphasis never veers far from guidance that is both practical and profitable. Whether you want to grow woodland medicinals commercially or simply want to enrich your pocket of woods with useful plants, this is a treasure of a book.

This is a must have bible for those interested in raising medicinals. It is very thorough and is well written with a lot of real people talking about their own experiences in growing these herbs. It has helped me tremendously.

Extremely informative book! Very detailed instructions on specific techniques on how to forrest farm. Nice blend of scientific information with personal accounts of growers. I would highly recommend!

This book has a lot more information than I expected. A lot of sweat went into this book. Anything you would ever want to ask about ginseng is in there! Plus it covers a lot of different plants and roots.

Instead of cutting down my old growth woods, I'm turning it into a long term woodland garden. Good information for the novice.

Bought for my sister who is a gardener and needed something to help with growing ginseng. She said that its a great book, has a lot of information, but she was looking for something a little easier to absorb.

This book is so amazing. Quality, accurate and highly informative. I haven’t gotten to read the entire book as of yet but what I have taken in rests side by side from the Old Timers that live around me in West Virginia. I have let a couple seasoned Sengers take a look at this book and they were impressed almost as much as me.
The Bible on growing ginseng and other medicinal crops. If it’s not in here, you didn’t need to know it. Well written by experts with absolutely current information.

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