

# Food and Our Future:

## *Hope and Solutions through Biointensive Farming*



### **An Evening with John Jeavons**

**Wednesday, October 22**

**6:30-8:30 p.m. Harrisonburg,  
Virginia: Lehman Auditorium  
at Eastern Mennonite University**

**All of life on Earth**...depends on six-inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains! The soil is a living organism that must be fed and nurtured to keep it feeding us. However, this basic understanding has been lost by most current forms of conventional agriculture. In this presentation John will share eight essential aspects of GROW BIOINTENSIVE including: Deep Soil Preparation, Raised Beds, Composting, Intensive Planting, Companion Planting, Carbon Farming, Calorie Farming, The Use of Open-Pollinated Seeds, and A Whole-System Farming Method. John will also provide time for questions and answers concerning northwest small-scale farming, long-term sustainable soil fertility, climate and market challenges.

*"The most effective solutions may not be the ones we expect!"*

**-John Jeavons**

**John Jeavons** has directed Ecology Action's Mini-Farming program since 1972. He is the author of "How to Grow More Vegetables, Fruits, Nuts, Berries, Grains and Other Crops...", the textbook of the GROW BIOINTENSIVE (GB) Sustainable Mini-Farming system, as well as being author, co-author and/or editor of over 30 other Ecology Action publications. His major responsibilities include directing field and library research and education in GB food raising. He advises biologically-intensive projects in Mexico, Kenya, Ecuador, Russia, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan as well as all corners of the U.S. Jeavons holds a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University. Before coming to Ecology Action in 1971, he worked as a systems analyst in business, government and university settings. He has received the Boise Peace Quilt, Santa Fe Living Treasure, Giraffe, and Steward of Sustainable Agriculture awards for public service.

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