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The report articles are organized on the website by research farm, university departments, broad research categories and more specific topic categories. These reports will be of interest not only to crop and livestock producers, but turf grass managers, home gardeners, and those involved in local foods, grape and wine, organics and vegetable production.

The farm report website has a binder feature that allows articles to be sorted, selected and saved as a collection. Once included in the “My Binder” feature, the articles are organized, given page numbers and a table of contents is created. The personalized collection of articles can then be saved to a personal computer and printed if desired.

Offering research results electronically puts the research articles in the hands of more people in an efficient way. Having the reports online helps fulfill the Iowa State University Extension mission by generating information and getting it to people who want it and can use it.

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