

Farm Beginnings® is an educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise. Farm Beginnings® participants engage in a mentorship experience and network with a variety of successful, innovative farmers; attend practical, high quality seminars, field days and conferences.

One participant said,

"It has had a tremendous impact on our operation and we have developed a holistic goal for our farm/life and are excited about where we are headed."

A member of the class that is starting a new venture said,

"This program helped me organize my activities and efforts, helping me to understand what the important tasks were."

Another member of the class said,

"This program had a huge impact. I have improved my business plan, my overall efficiency and continue to try new ideas I thought to not be possible."

And finally,

"I found it to be an excellent way for someone such as myself, with no farm background, to understand the planning, scheduling, budgeting and marketing aspects of farming. . . . For anyone who has a desire to improve the quality of their lives while at the same time improving the quality of the land around them, I would strongly encourage them to take the Farm Beginnings® class. They will be glad they did."

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Farm Beginnings® 2018



Kimmel Education & Research Center
5985 G Road
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Farm Beginnings® Agenda

January 6, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Building Networks, Value Clarification & Goal Setting

- Holistic Management - Ralph Tate

January 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Whole Farm Planning

- Complete session on Holistic Management – Ralph Tate

January 27, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Building Your Business Plan

- Farm Planning and Marketing - Paul Rohrbaugh, Natural Grass-fed Beef, Pasture Poultry and Egg Producer
- Travis Dunekacke – Niche Pork Producer and Marketer

February 3, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Marketing and Farm Planning & Farm Leases

- CSA Organic Vegetable Farm - Everett Lundquist & Ruth Chantry (Common Good Farms)
- Farm Leases & other legal matters – Amy Swoboda – Legal Aid of Nebraska

February 9-10, 2018 - Healthy Farms Conference – Lincoln, NE

February 24, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Farming in Small Spaces

- Urban farming or space is limiting – John Porter – Extension Educator, UNL

March 3, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Financial Management

- Ralph Tate

March 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Farm Loan Opportunities and Crop Insurance

- Farm Loan Programs & Resources for Beginning Farmers – Karla Bahm from NE Department of Ag; NAP Crop Insurance, FSA Loans & Microloans, USDA Farm Service Agency Representatives - Wes Finkner or Gina Essink

March 24, 2018 - 10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. – Marketing and Finances

- Organic Crops and Direct Market Poultry and Beef – Dave & Deb Welsch, West Blue Farms and
- Enterprise Budgets for Entrepreneurs - Rex Nelson, Extension Educator-UNL

April 7, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Food Safety & Farmer's Responsibility, Farming on an Acreage & SARE Resources

- Connie Fisk, Northwest Regional Extension Associate
- Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator Nemaha County & SARE State Coordinator

April 21, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – What Have We Learned?

- Farm Beginnings® Graduate Presentations

April 28, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Presentations of Farm and Business Plans by Farm Beginnings® Participants

Course fee - \$500

(Flexible Payment Plan & Scholarships available)

If you would like an application for **Farm Beginnings®**, please contact:

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A **\$50 deposit** is required to reserve your spot and must be returned with the application. Due January 3, 2018.

Classes will be held at the **Kimmel Education & Research Center**

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