

Organic Growers School's Farm Beginnings Farmer Training Program, 2017-2018 Schedule

Dates (2017-2018):	Topics:	Hrs.	Color Key:
<u>2017</u>			
Sunday, October 15	Winter Session 1: Orientation, Syllabus/Calendar Review, Intro to Holistic Goal, Intro to Food Systems 101	7	Core Curriculum
Wednesday, October 25	Winter Session 2: Holistic Management - Testing Decisions	3	Agroecology
Wednesday, November 8	Winter Session 3: Business Startup & Capitalization	3	OGS Events
Saturday, November 18	Winter Session 4: Intro to Food Systems 102 & Agroecology 101 & Soils	7	Other Events
Wednesday, November 29	Winter Session 5: Financial Planning 101	3	Production
Thursday, December 13	Winter Session 6: Financial Planning 102 - Enterprise Planning	3	
<u>2018</u>			
Wednesday, January 10	Winter Session 7: Business Planning & Economy of Scale	3	
Saturday, January 20	Winter Session 8: Agroecology 102 - Ecosystem Process #1 & #2	7	
	Winter Session 8: Financial Planning 103 - Cash Flow		
Wednesday, January 31	Winter Session 9: Land Management and Use	7	
	Winter Session 9: Agroecology 103 - Ecosystem Process #3 & #4		
Saturday, February 24	ASAP's Business of Farming Conference	8	
Saturday, February 10	Winter Session 10: Intro to Marketing		
Wednesday, February 28	Winter Session 11: Buyer Panel	3	
Friday, March 9	OGS Spring Conference: Pre-Conference Workshops	8	
Saturday, March 10	OGS Spring Conference: Beginning Farmer Track	8	
Sunday, March 11	OGS Spring Conference: Beginning Farmer Track	8	
Wednesday, March 14	Snow Day		
Wednesday, March 28	Winter Session 12: Growing Season Learning Plan	3	
April Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
May Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
June Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
April-November Date TBD	SAHC Workshop Series - 7 or 8 two hour workshops throughout the summer & fall months	14	
July Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
August Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
September Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
TBD April - September	Mentorship: One-on-one support from an advanced Mentor Farmer	10	
Friday, September 1	Due Date for Farm Proposals		
Friday, September 8	OGS Harvest Conference: Pre-Conference Workshops	8	
Saturday, September 9	OGS Harvest Conference	8	
Saturday, September 16	Farm Proposal Presentations & Graduation Celebration	8	
	Home Study Hours for Certification:	50	
	Total # of Hours:	210	