

Organic Growers School's Farm Beginnings Farmer Training Program, 2016-2017 Schedule

Dates:	Topics:	Hrs.	Color Key:
Saturday, October 15, 2016	Winter Session 1: Orientation, Syllabus/Calendar Review, Goals, Introductions	7	Core Curriculum
Wednesday, October 26, 2016	Winter Session 2: Holistic Management	3	Agroecology
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	Winter Session 3: Intro to Business/ Economy of Scale	3	OGS Events
Saturday, November 19, 2016	Winter Session 4: Intro to Food Systems & Agroecology 1 & Soils	7	Other Events
Wednesday, November 30, 2016	Winter Session 5: Financial Planning 101	3	Production
Wednesday, December 14, 2016	Winter Session 6: Financial Planning 102	3	
Wednesday, January 11, 2017	Winter Session 7: Operating a Farm Business, Start-up & Capitalization, Legal, Taxes	3	
Saturday, January 21, 2017	Winter Session 8: Agroecology 2 Ecosystem Process #1 & #2	7	
	Winter Session 8: Financial Planning 103		
Wednesday, February 1, 2017	Winter Session 9: Marketing	3	
Saturday, February 11, 2017	Winter Session 10: Agroecology 3 Ecosystem Process #3 & #4	7	
	Winter Session 10: Land Access & Land Management/Use		
Saturday, February 25, 2017	ASAP's Business of Farming Conference	8	
Wednesday, March 1, 2017	Winter Session 11: Realities from the Field - Buyer & Farmer Panel	3	
Friday, March 10, 2017	OGS Spring Conference: Pre-Conference Workshops	8	
Saturday, March 11, 2017	OGS Spring Conference: Beginning Farmer Track	8	
Sunday, March 12, 2017	OGS Spring Conference: Beginning Farmer Track	8	
Wednesday, March 15, 2017	Snow Day		
Wednesday, March 22, 2017	Growing Season Learning Plan Workday	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 - 7-10 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	
September 1, 2017	Due Date for Farm Proposals & Growing Season Learning Plans		
Friday, September 8, 2017	OGS Harvest Conference: Pre-Conference Workshops	8	
Saturday, September 9, 2017	OGS Harvest Conference	8	
Saturday, September 16, 2017	Presentations & Graduation Celebration	8	
October Date TBD	CRAFT Tour, Topic & Location TBD	4	
	Home Study Hours for Certification:	50	
	Total # of Hours:	200	