

Do You Want To Farm?



FARM [®] BEGINNINGS [®] Year-Long Farmer Training

**A FARMER-LED TRAINING & SUPPORT PROGRAM
to help people plan and launch sustainable farm businesses.**

Applications must be submitted by August 31, 2016.

Through Farm Beginnings[®] you can:

- Access the know-how of some of the most innovative & skilled farmers operating in WNC
- Build a strong peer-to-peer farmer network for skill sharing, problem solving, and mentoring for success
- Learn critical farm management skills such as creative financing and innovative marketing
- See sustainable practices being used on real farms under a variety of conditions
- Learn to view a farm as an interconnected system and learn how goals determine farming practices
- Craft a tailor-made farm plan

For more information or to apply go to our website!

Full Program Fee: \$2500 per farm (up to 2 people), Scholarships & Payment plans available.

Program Includes:

- > 180+ hours of total training time throughout 1 year
- > **Winter Classes (Oct.-March)**
13 whole farm business planning sessions, 60 hours
- > **Production Training (April-Oct.)**
7 WNC CRAFT field days and 10 field days at the SAHC incubator farm, 45 hours
- > **Spring & Harvest Conferences**
40+ hours of classes at OGS's annual conferences
- > 8 hours at ASAP's Business of Farming Conference
- > **One year WNC CRAFT Farmer Network membership**

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