### Step 1: Emerging Farmer
- **I have attended more than one conference or workshop dealing with sustainable agriculture or homesteading.**
- **I have visited a working farm or homestead in the last two years.**
- **I have participated in a work related activity on a farm in the last two years.**

### Step 2: In-Training Farmer
- **I have explored several different possible farming enterprises.**
- **I have apprenticed/worked one or more farms.**
- **I have explored the idea and components of operating my own farm.**
- **I feel I am ready for an intense, long-term farm enterprise planning course.**

### Step 3: Start-up Farmer
- **I have explored how to make farming a career or a way to generate supplemental income.**
- **I understand the planning process that goes into starting a farm business.**
- **I have created a detailed plan for my future farming enterprise.**
- **I am well connected to the established sustainable agriculture community.**

### Step 4: Seasoned Farmer
- **I have completed the Farm Pathways Program.**
- **I am interested in further support to make my farm business more successful.**
- **I have identified several areas in my business that could use additional support.**
- **I am well connected to the established sustainable agriculture community.**

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**Farm Learning Opportunities & Farm Dreams**
- Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tour
- Conferences/Workshops
- Practice growing where you live.
- Attend OGS Spring & Harvest Conferences, seasonal Cooperative Extension Workshops; Sign up for Farm Dreams

**ON-FARM TRAINING ACTIVITIES**
- Work Exchanges/Internships/Farm Employment
- Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tour; Conferences/Workshops
- Find on-farm work with OGS’s Apprentice Link, Join the for CRAFT Farmer Network

**FARM PATHWAYS**
- Year-long training program/Whole Farm & enterprise planning/Connection to a farmer network/Growing season learning plan/On-Farm Field days & workshops
- Apply for Farm Pathways

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
- Individualized syllabus/Production, marketing and financing assistance/Address land access/Equity building opportunities/Mentorship with an experienced farmer
- Contact Cooperative Extension for one-on-one consultation, Connect with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy & WNC FarmLink for land access support
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Step 1: EMERGING - Farm Learning Opportunities & Farm Dreams
Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tour
Conferences/Workshops
Practice growing where you live.

EMERGING
- Have you attended any conferences or workshops dealing with sustainable farming or homesteading?
- Have you visited a working farm?
- Have you participated in any work related activities on a farm?
- Are you interested in exploring the possibilities of farming?

Step 2: IN-TRAINING - On-farm Training Activities
Work Exchanges/Internships/Farm Employment
Field days/Skill Sessions/Farm Tours
Conferences/Workshops

IN-TRAINING
- Have you taken Farm Dreams?
- Are you looking for the next step in exploring the idea of operating your own farm?
- Have had significant on-farm work experience on one or more farms?
- Are you not sure if you're ready to take Farm Beginnings?

Step 3: START-UP - Farm Beginnings & Farm Pathways
Year-long training program
Whole Farm & enterprise planning
Connection to a farmer network
Growing season learning plan
On-Farm Field days & workshops

START-UP
- Are you considering a farming as a career or significant portion of your livelihood?
- Would you like to further explore the planning process that goes into starting a farm business?
- Are you ready to create a holistic farm plan?
- Would you like to be better connected to the sustainable agriculture community?

Step 4: SEASONED - Technical Assistance
Individualized syllabus
Production, marketing and financing assistance
Address land access/Equity building opportunities
Mentorship with an experienced farmer

SEASONED
- Have you completed the Farm Beginnings program?
- Are you interested in further support to make your farm business more successful?
- Have you identified several areas in your business that could use additional support?