



Online Farming Course

Beginning farmers who want to start a farm business are encouraged to sign up.

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To Register ...

To register, call Kristen at 315-788-8450 and ask to be registered for the On-Line New Farmer Training.

More about the course >>If you're a new farmer and you want to learn more about diversifying or expanding your farm enterprise, consider enrolling in a new 9-week, online farming course beginning Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

The NY Beginning Farmer Project has developed a 9-week online course.

The course will benefit participants from a diversity of backgrounds, from those just exploring a new idea to those seeking to diversify or expand existing farm operations.

More Learning Options...Keep in mind your local cooperative extension agency may have classes available locally. Contact your local agency to find out>>

Here's more about the course:Course Content

Drawn from a stand-alone, publicly accessible website, while the course (and all its activities, forums, and homework assignments) is housed in a virtual "classroom" that can only be entered by registered participants.

Lesson Plan

Similar to other new farmer trainings and curricula, starting with an assessment of goals and resources, moving through marketing, enterprise selection and environmental stewardship practices, and ending with taking a hard look at profit potential and business planning. The final week ends May 21 with a quiz and review.

Discussion and Feedback

Participants interact with each other through discussion forums, post questions for the instructors, collect resources relevant to each lesson, and complete activities like helping a fictional new farmer make decisions about his business.

Topics Covered

Goals, skills and resources, marketing, evaluating land, equipment and facilities, choosing an enterprise, land stewardship, profitability, regulations, taxes and legal issues.

Real-life Advice

Opportunities to interact with agricultural entrepreneurs from around the state, to get feedback and offer input on other ideas and issues.

Course Size

Limited--so call soon to reserve a spot.

Cost:

\$200 with \$50 due at registration.

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