

NEWS RELEASE

Farm Beginnings® Training Program Accepting Applications

DO YOU WANT TO FARM? Then this training program is for you! Farm Beginnings www.farmbeginnings.org is a training program focused on getting more farmers on the land, farming sustainably. The 10-month program is intended for people of all ages interested in starting a farm business as well as established farmers pursuing a new farming enterprise. Farm Beginnings participants learn goal setting, financial planning, enterprise planning, marketing, sustainable farming methods and become connected to a supportive network of farmers and resource personnel.

The Farm Beginnings Collaborative is a national alliance of independent regional groups of farmers and farmer-training support organizations working together to promote Farm Beginnings, a farmer training model that is community based, rooted in sustainable principles, and farmer led. As part of the Farm Beginnings Collaborative, 9 different organizations in 6 states offer the Farm Beginnings Program highlighting the local farmers from their specific regions.

Please visit www.farmbeginnings.org to locate the Farm Beginnings program nearest to you.

Farm Beginnings is currently accepting applications for the 2011-12 season. The in-class portion of the program typically runs from late fall to early spring followed by an on-farm educational component that includes farm tours and field days.

Please contact the Farm Beginnings program nearest to you for more specific information and to apply.

For more information on Land Stewardship Project's Farm Beginnings course in Minnesota and to apply, please visit www.farmbeginnings.org or contact LSP's Karen Benson at 507-523-3366 or lspse@landstewardshipproject.org.

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