Farm Beginnings® is an educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise. Farm Beginnings® participants engage in a mentorship experience and network with a variety of successful, innovative farmers; attend practical, high quality seminars, field days and conferences.

One participant said,
"It has had a tremendous impact on our operation and we have developed a holistic goal for our farm/life and are excited about where we are headed."

A member of the class that is starting a new venture said,
"This program helped me organize my activities and efforts, helping me to understand what the important tasks were."

Another member of the class said,
"This program had a huge impact. I have improved my business plan, my overall efficiency and continue to try new ideas I thought to not be possible."

And finally,
"I found it to be an excellent way for someone such as myself, with no farm background, to understand the planning, scheduling, budgeting and marketing aspects of farming. . . . For anyone who has a desire to improve the quality of their lives while at the same time improving the quality of the land around them, I would strongly encourage them to take the Farm Beginnings® class. They will be glad they did."

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Farm Beginnings® Agenda

May 25, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Building Networks, Value Clarification & Goal Setting - Holistic Management - Ralph Tate

June 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Whole Farm Planning
- Tour High Tunnel Greenhouse West Central Research & Extension Center and
- Complete session on Holistic Management – Ralph Tate

June 6, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Opportunities in Value Added Production
- Farm Planning and Marketing – Uphoff Boer & Savannah Goats –Mel & Doris Uphoff, Elwood Nebraska
- Nebraska Beginning Farmer Program – Karla Bahm, NE Department of Ag

June 20, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Marketing and Farm Planning
- Fin-Pac Analyzing your Farm Enterprises - Robert Tigner, UNL Extension Educator
- Marketing Vegetables – David Lott, UNL Extension Educator

July 11, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Opportunities in Value Added WCREC
- Fulton Farms "Organic & Grass Fed Beef" –Kevin Fulton, Litchfield NE
- Crooked Creek Farms "Indian Corn" – Don & Barb Batie, Lexington NE

July18, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Financial Management
- Cost Management of your Livestock Operation – Brian Strauch, UNL Extension Educator
- Marketing, Labor and Cost Management, Purdy Pumkins – Brian & Lori Armstrong Big Springs NE

August 8, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Realities from the Farm
- Seifer Farms Range Raised Poultry – Ray Seifer
- Farm Loan Programs & Resources for Beginning Farmers – Lisa Liska Farm Loan Manager USDA Farm Service Agency

August 22, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Marketing and Finances
- Direct Marketing Vegetables – Cathy Grauerholz,
- Local MarketCALC Program - Roger Wilson, Extension Educator

September 12, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Farm & Business Management WCREC
- Labor Management, Marketing Management, & Cash Flow Projections – Dennis Demmel, Organic Grain Producer
- Marketing Livestock - Scott Hanson, Range Raised Poultry Producer

October 12, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Presentations of Farm and Business Plans by Farm Beginnings® Participants

Course fee - $500 (flexible payment plan)

If you would like an application for **Farm Beginnings®**, please contact:

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