

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® 2011-2012



First National Bank
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320 5th Street
Syracuse, NE 68446



Farm Beginnings® Agenda

December 10, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Building Networks, Value Clarification & Goal Setting - Holistic Management - Ralph Tate

December 17, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Whole Farm Planning

- Tour Jim Bender's Organic Farm near Weeping Water and
- Complete session on Holistic Management – Ralph Tate

January 7, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Building Your Business Plan

- Farm Planning and Marketing - Paul Rohrbaugh, Natural Grass-fed Beef, Pasture Poultry and Egg Producer
- Nebraska Beginning Farmer Program – Marian Beethe, NE Department of Ag

January 21, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Marketing and Farm Planning

- CSA Organic Vegetable Farm - Evrett Lundquist & Ruth Chantry (Common Good Farms)

January 28, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Business and Farm Management

- Kevin Fulton, Grass-Fed Beef Producer

February 10-11, 2012 – Rural Advantage/Healthy Farms Conference – Nebraska City

February 18, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Financial Management

- Ralph Tate

March 3, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Marketing and Finances

- Organic Crops and Direct Market Poultry and Beef – Dave & Deb Welsch, West Blue Farms and
- Local MarketCALC Program - Roger Wilson, Extension Educator

March 17, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Realities from the Farm

- Starting a New Farm, Beginning Farmers – Alex McKiernan & Chloe Diegel (Robinette Farms) and
- Farm Loan Programs & Resources for Beginning Farmers - Wes Finkner, USDA Farm Service Agency

March 31, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Opportunities in Value-Added Agriculture

- Martin Kleinschmit, Organic Farmer and Sustainable Ag Practitioner

April 14, 2012 - 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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A **\$50 deposit** is required to reserve your spot and must be returned with the application.

Classes will be held at the

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First National Bank is on the north side of 5th St. in downtown Syracuse. Enter through the front door. Take the stairs on the left or the elevator on the right to reach the basement meeting room.

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FROM LINCOLN: Take Hwy 2 east. Syracuse is 23.8 miles east of the Hwy 2/84th St. intersection. Take Hwy 50/Syracuse Exit. Turn right onto Hwy 50 and go south 0.9 miles. Turn right/west onto 5th St. First National Bank is 0.4 miles west on the north side of 5th St.

