

# The Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program

A state-wide program focused on training, outreach, and capacity building for beginning farmers and farmer educators.

**We are a partnership** of cooperative extension, university, non-profit, governmental, and community organizations that together provide whole farm planning curriculum and training, online resources, and networking.



## Whole Farm Planning for Farm Start-up and Sustainability

Hands-on training with whole farm planning curriculum in core areas:

- Introduction to whole farm planning
- Land acquisition and tenure
- Business management and planning
- Marketing
- Sustainable farming practices

## We provide educational programs, resources, and networking:

- **Whole Farm Planning Curriculum & Programs:** Workshops and programs designed to guide new farmers in achieving their farm goals and aspirations using a holistic "whole farm" approach.
- **Social Networking and Technical Assistance:** Valuable networking experiences and long-term technical assistance for farmers provided by our coalition of partner organizations.
- **Webinars and Farmer Videos:** Online educational opportunities encompassing start-up topics, speakers, and resources.
- **Coalition Building & Capacity Building:** Peer learning opportunities for farmer educators, service providers, and agricultural leaders to support beginning farmer audiences in Virginia.

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A training, outreach, and capacity building program for Virginia's new and beginning farmers

## Are you new to farming?

The Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition aims to improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers\* to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations and communities in Virginia through whole farm planning curriculum and programs, online and peer learning, and social networking.

\*Our program recognizes a diversity of farming experiences, cultural backgrounds, and aims held by Virginia beginning farmers and ranchers. The program primarily focuses on those who are exploring the possibility of or are in the early stages of starting a farm, and those expanding or diversifying an existing farm.

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