

# VIRGINIA

# Beginning Farmer & Rancher

## COALITION PROGRAM

### Establishing viable agricultural operations and communities

The long-term goal of the Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program (VBFRCP) is to improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations and communities in Virginia. We support the development and enhancement of whole farm planning curriculum and training, online resources, social networking, and farmer mentoring.

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### The Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program includes:

- A network of organizations to provide technical assistance and educational support for beginning farmers and ranchers
- Online resources and tools
- Farmer-to-farmer mentoring
- Whole farm planning course work and hands-on training with curriculum in core areas for farm start-up and development:
  - Introduction to whole farm planning
  - Land acquisition and land tenure
  - Business management and planning
  - Marketing
  - Sustainable farming practices



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