

The Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program

A state-wide and coalition-based Extension program focused on beginning farmer training, outreach, and capacity building.

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, networking, and mentoring to new and start-up farmers in Virginia.



Educational Resources, Networking, and Mentoring

- **Whole Farm Planning Coursework:** Curriculum designed at a beginning to intermediate level to guide beginning farmers in developing a whole farm plan.
- **Webinars, Workshops, and Farmer Videos:** Online and in-person educational opportunities encompassing a wide range of start-up topics, formats, and resources for beginning farmers and ranchers.
- **Networking and Educational Resources:** Network of educators, organizers, and agricultural service providers ready to connect with and build the capacity of new and beginning farmers as they plan and develop their farm.
- **Farmer-to-farmer Mentoring:** Opportunities for new farmers to connect with and learn from peers and experienced farmers in their community.

Whole Farm Planning for Beginners

Hands-on training with whole farm planning curriculum in core areas for farm start-up and development:

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

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Are you new to farming?

The Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition Program aims to improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers* to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations and communities in Virginia through the development and enhancement of whole farm planning curriculum and training, online resources, networking, and farmer mentoring.

*The program and coalition partners recognize a diversity of farming experiences, backgrounds, and aims held by Virginia beginning farmers and ranchers. The program primarily targets 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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