

# 2020 NORTHERN PIEDMONT Beginning Farmer Program

## AN INTRODUCTION TO GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY

Cost of series is \$100 individual, \$150 for couples

To register, send check made payable to:

**Fauquier Education Farm**

c/o VCE-Fauquier  
24 Pelham Street  
Warrenton, VA 20186

**All classes to be held at  
Va. Cooperative Extension, Fauquier Office  
24 Pelham St.  
Warrenton, Va. 20186**

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The Northern Piedmont Beginning Farmer Program (NPBFP) is pleased to offer, **An Introduction To Getting Your Hands Dirty**. This is a 6 week course with 2 Saturday labs at the Fauquier Education Farm and one farm tour. This course is intended for serious gardeners and Beginning Farmers who want to sharpen their production skills by broadening their basic level knowledge of the tools and concepts of professional crop production.

The program's focus is on:

- Basic soil health
- Amending Soils
- Crop Selection and planting techniques
- Weed Control
- Pest Control
- Infrastructure needs

NPBFP is a partner of the Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition (VBFRCP). For more information on the VBFRCP, please visit [www.vabeginningfarmer.org](http://www.vabeginningfarmer.org).



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### Important Dates:

**March 25th - Free Orientation to outline program 7 to 9 PM**

**Classes -Wednesday evenings**

**April 1st—May 6th**

Class Time: 7-9 p.m.

**Saturday labs and farm tour**

**April 18th, 25th, & May 2nd: 2-4 PM**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Sharon Broyles, Fauquier Extension Office at 540-341-7950 or TDD\* during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

The Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition formed as a way to more effectively address start-up needs of Virginia's beginning farmers and rancher communities by offering high quality outreach, education, training and resource support. The Coalition acts as an umbrella network of organizations to assist in the development and enhancement of whole farming planning programs, and online resource learning.