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## STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

→ **ONGOING** — **We Are Water Exhibit, University of MN-Morris**, (runs until Oct. 19). Contact: [www.wearewaterwcmn.com](http://www.wearewaterwcmn.com)  
 → **SEPT. 23** — **LSP Online Pasture Talk: Forage Potential in a Rotationally Grazed Pasture System**, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Contact: [www.landstewardshipproject.org/events/foragegrazing](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/events/foragegrazing), Alex Romano,

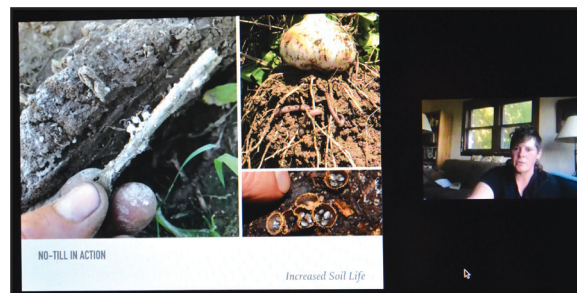
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 → **SEPT. 24** — **LSP Compost Check-in**, 7p.m.-8 p.m. Contact: [www.landstewardshipproject.org/events/compost](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/events/compost), Shona Snater, [ssnater@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:ssnater@landstewardshipproject.org), 507-523-3366  
 → **NOVEMBER** — **LSP Farm Beginnings Classes Begin** (see below)  
 → **JAN. 7-8** — **MN Organic Conf.**, Saint Cloud, Minn. Contact: [www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/minnesota-organic](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/minnesota-organic)

ic-conference, Cassie Dahl, 651-201-6134  
 → **JAN. 21-23** — **Grassworks Grazing Conf.**, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Contact: [www.grassworks.org](http://www.grassworks.org), Heather Flashinski, [grassworksheather@gmail.com](mailto:grassworksheather@gmail.com), 715-289-4896  
 → **FEB. 13** — **Sustainable Farming Association of MN Conf.**, St. Joseph, Minn. Contact: [www.sfa-mn.org](http://www.sfa-mn.org), 1-844-922-5573  
 → **FEB. 25-27** — **MOSES Organic Farming Conf.**, La Crosse, Wis. Contact: [www.mosesorganic.org/conference](http://www.mosesorganic.org/conference), 715-778-5775

## LSP Online Field Days

In June, Les Macare and Els Dobrick of Racing Heart Farm hosted a Land Stewardship Project Farm Beginnings online field day (pictured) where they described their no-till vegetable operation in Colfax, Wis. In recent months, LSP has also offered online educational programs on rotational grazing, small grains, cover crops, and soil health. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of LSP's field days and workshops will be offered online until further notice. While not as optimal as actually visiting the farms, these events offer participants a chance to ask questions and share resources.

We are scheduling more events on an ongoing basis. For details on the latest LSP field days and workshops, see [www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/upcomingevents](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/upcomingevents). □



## Applications Open for 2020-2021 LSP Farm Beginnings Course

The Land Stewardship Project's Minnesota-Wisconsin region Farm Beginnings Program is accepting applications for its 2020-2021 course. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-class portion of the course will be held online, beginning in November. Farm Beginnings is marking its second decade of providing firsthand training in low-cost, sustainable methods of farm management.

Over the years, more than 860 people have graduated from the Minnesota-Wisconsin region Farm Beginnings course. Graduates are involved in a wide-range of enterprises, including grass-based livestock, organic vegetables, Community Supported Agriculture, and specialty products.

The course is for people just getting start-

ed in farming, as well as established farmers looking to make changes in their operations. Farm Beginnings participants learn goal setting, financial and enterprise planning, and innovative marketing techniques.

This 12-month course provides training and hands-on learning opportunities in the form of regular classroom sessions, as well as farm tours, field days, workshops, and access to an extensive farmer network. Classes are led by farmers and other agricultural professionals. The classes will run until March 2021, followed by an on-farm component that includes farm tours and skills sessions.

The Farm Beginnings class fee is \$1,000, which covers one "farm unit"—either one farmer or two farming partners who are on the same farm. A \$200 deposit is required with an

application and will be put toward the final fee. LSP has reduced the usual \$1,500 tuition to \$1,000 as a result of the lower administrative costs associated with the online course.

Payment plans are available, as well as a limited number of scholarships. Completion of the course fulfills the educational requirements needed for Farm Service Agency loans and the Minnesota Beginning Farmer Tax Credit ([www.landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/beginningfarmertaxcredit](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/beginningfarmertaxcredit)).

For application materials or more information, see [www.landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/farmbeginningsclass](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/farmbeginningsclass). You can also get details from LSP's Annelie Livingston-Anderson at 507-523-3366 or [annelie@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:annelie@landstewardshipproject.org).