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Stewardship Calendar

→ JULY 17—CURE-LSP Tallgrass

Prairie BioBlitz, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Lac qui Parle State Park, Watson, Minn. Contact: Robin Moore, LSP, 320-321-5244, rmoore@landstewardshipproject.org/events/item/1550

- → JULY 20—Soil Health Equipment Demo & Drought Resiliency Field Day, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Martin Larsen farm, Byron, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www. landstewardshipproject.org/workshops
- → JULY 22—Pasture Walk (EQIP fencing, goats, organic transition), 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Jordan & Rachelle Meyer farm, Caledonia, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www.

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→ JULY 27—Strip-Till & No-Till Field Day, Chris Gunderson farm, Spring Valley, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www. landstewardshipproject.org/workshops

- → JULY 28—Pasture Walk, Kaleb Anderson farm (grazing cattle on Kernza), 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Goodhue, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www.landstewardshipproject.org/workshops
- → AUG. 13—Pasture Walk, Zach Knutson farm (grazing annuals, converting cropland), 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Zumbrota, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www. landstewardshipproject.org/workshops

→ AUG. 15—Early Bird Discount Deadline for 2021-2022 Farm Beginnings Course (see sidebar below)

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- → AUG. 18—Field Day with Ray
 Archuleta, Mervin & Cherlyn Beachy farm,
 St. Ansgar, Iowa. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366,
 www.landstewardshipproject.org/workshops
- → SEPT. 7—Soil Health Field Day, Jon & Ruth Jovaag farm, Austin, Minn. Contact: LSP, 507-523-3366, www.landstewardship-project.org/workshops
- → SEPT. 15—Final Application Deadline for 2021-2022 Farm Beginnings Course (see sidebar below)

LSP's Beginning Farmer Program Accepting Applications for 2021-2022 Course

Farm Beginnings Marks Over 2 Decades of Training Ag's Next Generation

One of the most successful beginning farmer training programs in the country is now accepting applications for its 2021-2022 course session. The Land Stewardship Project's Farm Beginnings classes will take place in an online setting December 2021 through March 2022, with on-farm educational events to follow later in 2022. The class fee is \$1,000, which covers up to two individuals per farm. Applications are due Sept. 15, and applications that are accepted before Aug. 15 will qualify for a \$100 discount. Scholarships are available as well as a Minnesota Beginning Farmer Tax Credit for the cost of the class. More information and application materials can be found at www. farmbeginnings.org or by contacting LSP's Annelie Livingston-Anderson at 612-217-0553, annelie@landstewardshipproject.org.

For over two decades, Farm Beginnings has been providing community-based training that focuses on the goal setting, marketing, and financial skills needed to establish a successful and sustainable farm business in the Upper Midwest. The course uses a mix of farmer-led sessions and an extensive farmer network, coupled with practical, on-farm training experiences. More than 1,000 people from the Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and northern Iowa region have completed the Farm Beginnings course.

Applicants from Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and northern Iowa will be given priority for the 2021-2022 course. If you are located elsewhere, check out the Farm Beginnings Collaborative website at www.farmbeginningscollaborative.org to determine if there is a community organization near you offering Farm Beginnings.



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