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FARM BEGINNINGS

2026-2027: SESSIONS 1-9

Course Textbook: Whole Farm Management: From Start-up to Sustainability, edited by Garry Stephenson, 2019, Storey Publishing

DATE & TIME	ONLINE OR IN PERSON*	SESSION
Saturday, Dec 5 th 10AM-4:30PM	IN PERSON	Session 1: Introduction to Whole Farm Planning and Goal Setting <i>Chapter 1: Dream It – Strategic Planning</i> Location: Eastman Nature Center, 13351 Elm Creek Rd, Maple Grove, MN 55369
Saturday, Dec 12 th 10AM-4:30PM	IN PERSON	Session 2: Assessing your Resources: What do you have and what do you need, Beginning Farmer Panel, Soil Health & Regenerative Practices <i>Chapter 2: Do It - Farm Infrastructure, Labor, and Energy</i> <i>Chapter 5: Grow It – Managing the Whole Farm Ecosystem</i> Location: Eastman Nature Center, 13351 Elm Creek Rd, Maple Grove, MN 55369
Tuesday, Jan 5 th 6-8PM	ONLINE	Session 3: Marketing your farm products & services <i>Chapter 3: Sell It – Markets & Marketing</i>
Tuesday, Jan 12 th 6-8PM	ONLINE	Session 4: Financial Planning with a Holistic Lens - Personal, Household & Farm <i>Chapter 4: Business Management for the Farm</i>
Saturday, Jan 23 rd 10AM-4:30PM	IN PERSON	Session 5: Financial Planning with a Holistic Lens – Start-up costs & enterprise budgets, Record Keeping <i>Chapter 4: Business Management for the Farm</i> Location: First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55408
Tues, Feb 2 ^d 6-8PM	ONLINE	Session 6: Risk Management - Legal Structure & Insurance, Farmer Wellbeing <i>Chapter 6: Keep it – Entrepreneurship, Family Business Dynamics, and Managing Risk</i>
Tuesday, Feb 16 th 6-8PM	ONLINE	Session 7: Farm Taxes
TBD	TBD	Optional Holistic Financial Planning Workshop , all online
Saturday, Mar 6 th 10AM-4:30PM	IN PERSON	Session 8: Land Access, Connecting with Local Resources Location: First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55408
Saturday, Mar 20 10AM-4:30PM	IN PERSON	Session 9: Participant Show & Tell, Policy & Leadership Location: First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55408

*We strongly encourage in-person participation for these sessions. However, if meeting in person is not accessible for you, we will provide a virtual option via zoom or recording.

Evening sessions may be extended to 2 ½ hours pending farmer presenter availability.