

Why New Farmers?

- ❑ Locally grown produce is highly valued by local consumers
- ❑ Locally grown produce is the new organic and Boulder County is primed to receive more local produce.
- ❑ The average age of farmers in the US continues to rise and is now just over 55 years of age.
- ❑ This same number is reflected in the age of tenants on Boulder County ag land
- ❑ Fewer individuals are choosing farming as an occupation
- ❑ Entry costs into farming have never been higher
- ❑ There are numerous individuals in Boulder County interested in farming
- ❑ Those interested need an opportunity to sort through the realities of farming and determine if they should pursue a career in farming

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Boulder County New Farmer Program Market Farm Track 2007



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Farmers Teaching Farmers

CSU Extension in Boulder County is excited to offer this series of 8 evening classes designed to help New Farmers explore farming as a business and Intermediate and Experienced Farmers refine their business, production, and marketing skills.

Who Should Participate

- ❑ New Farmers —<1/4 acre and/or < 1 year and/or intern/apprentice level experience
- ❑ Intermediate Farmers - production/marketing manager or sole operator, >1/4 acre for <3 years
- ❑ Experienced Farmers - production/marketing manager or sole operator, >1/4 acre for >3 years

Cost and Location

****Registration Limited to 20****

- ❑ New Farmers - \$160 for all 8 sessions (\$240 for 2 with one set of handouts) or \$50 á la carte (2 work-study scholarships available, call 303-678-6383)
- ❑ Int and Exp Farmers - \$80 for all 8 sessions or \$25 á la carte

Boulder County Parks and Open Space Building
5201 St. Vrain Rd, Longmont

Online Directions Not Accurate. Please see map online at:
www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/AG/smallfarms.shtml

Program Lineup

Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Presentations 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- ❑ Introductions, Overview of Program, Intro to Ag Business Planning and Farm Accounting, John Deering, CSU Extension– Homework – create a business plan - Oct 23
- ❑ Ewell Culbertson, Pachamama Organic Farm – Oct 30
- ❑ David Asbury, Full Circle Farm/Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch – Nov 5* (only Monday)
- ❑ Anne Cure, Cure Organic Farm – Nov 13
- ❑ Sheila Payne, Far Out Gardens – Nov 20
- ❑ Wyatt Barnes and Amy Tisdale, Red Wagon Organic Farm - Nov 27
- ❑ Intro to local resources – Dec 4:
 - Rob Alexander, Parks and Open Space Ag Resources Division
 - Les Williams, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy Districts
 - Shari King, Farm Service Agency
 - Jim Rubingh, Colorado Agricultural Development Authority
 - Pam Thiele, Mountain Plains Farm Credit
- ❑ Presentation of Business Plans and Group discussions, feedback from group – Dec 11

Concept

Intermediate and Experienced farmers fuel the learning environment. Dinner provides time for socializing and networking. Sessions explore content useful to all levels of experience. New farmers learn in this community of farmer students and teachers. **This program will truly be successful with participation from farmers of all levels of experience.**

Application and Registration

Application and registration forms are available online at:

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or request at 303-678-6238

Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007 for full consideration

Please mail your application and registration form with check payable to “Boulder County Extension” to:

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Questions:
303-678-6238

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