

NORTHERN PIEDMONT

Beginning Farmer 2017

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
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The Northern Piedmont Beginning Farmer Program (NPBFP) is pleased to announce our new class series titled, 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 tours. 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. Funded through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) of the USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Award number: 2015-70017-22887.



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Important Dates:

**March 29th - Free Orientation to
outline program 7 to 9 PM**

Classes -Wednesday evenings

April 5h—May 10th

Class Time: 7-9 p.m.

Saturday labs and farm tour

April 15th, 22nd, and 29th: 2 to 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.