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Beginning
Farmer
NEWS
March 2023

Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



On Feb. 13, 61 beginning and aspiring farmers joined with landowners at Practical Farmers' Beginning Farmer Summit in Ames, Iowa, to work towards stronger businesses and increased land access.

The diverse mix of enterprises and farming practices represented by those in attendance sparked lots of curious conversations and started new connections.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

PROGRAM UPDATES

Thinking about working on a farm this summer?



Working on a farm is critical for learning production, management and marketing skills, and knowing if a farming career is the right fit for you.

If you're looking for a paid position in Iowa with additional mentoring included, check out [**PFI's selection of Labor 4 Learning opportunities!**](#)

Lots of other opportunities are out there, too. Before you sign up for an on-farm job or internship, check out our [**Farm Employment FAQs.**](#)

If you are considering an unpaid internship, [**ensure the internship meets the "primary beneficiary test" and meets the seven criteria for unpaid internships under the Fair Labor Standards Act.**](#)

Looking for land?



Access to land means more than a 1-year handshake agreement. PFI and our partner organizations have resources and people to help prepare and connect you with the right fit.

[**Get started by completing the questionnaire and connecting with a navigator.**](#)

Couch Time: Pricing Pastured Poultry

Pricing Pastured Poult...



Did you miss this Feb. 21 farminar?

Ben Grimes of Dawnbreaker Farms discussed the practicalities and considerations of pricing with beginning farmers Anna Hankins and Shae Pesek of Over the Moon Farm & Flowers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming PFI events

All events listed in Central Time.

March 14: Farminar - [“Navigating Iowa’s New Cottage Food Law: A Farmer-Focused Q&A”](#)

Speakers: Julie Kraling & Kurt Rueber
Noon-1:30 p.m. | Online

Coming in May: Field Day Season!

Stay tuned to [PFI for our announcement](#) of 40+ farmer-led field days in Iowa and surrounding states.

Friends of PFI events

March 13: Webinar - [“Ask an Expert: Selling Flowers to Florists”](#)

Speakers: Maya Kosok and Ellen Frost
Host: Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers
7-8 p.m. | Online

March 15: Webinar - [“Strategies to Capitalize the Farm”](#)

Host: New Entry Sustainable Farm Project
5-7 p.m. | Online

March 15: Webinar - [“Selling Direct-to-Customer Whole and Half Pastured Hogs”](#)

Speakers: Dayna Burtness
Host: Food Animal Concerns Trust
11 a.m. | Online

[View more events on our events calendar](#)

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