

*Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.*

## On-Farm Training Opportunities are Posted

Are you looking for paid, on-farm work and additional training on how to run a farm business?

**Curious about aquaponics? How about running a flour mill?**

Apply to [Early Morning Harvest](#) in Guthrie County!

**Wondering about what it takes to run an orchard?**

Join the team at [Buffalo Ridge Orchard](#) or [Berry Patch](#) to find out!

**Want to get experience with a diverse farming operation?**

Check out the positions available at farms like [Maple Edge Farm](#) and [Bridgewater Farm!](#)

**Does fruit and vegetable production fit in your future farm plans?**

Choose from a handful of on-farm jobs across the state!

[Labor4Learning](#) has job openings with experienced farmers that cover nearly any enterprise you can think of. These jobs are found across the state and each opening varies in duration, hours, work activities and compensation, so visit our website for more information.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your on-farm experience and build your farmer network while earning an income.



**Check out all the Openings**

**Latest from Practical Farmers**

# GRAZING GROUPS

Join one of six grazing groups getting together this spring

May 9 | [Lamoni](#)

May 23 | [Maxwell](#)

May 16 | [Lockridge](#)

May 30 | [Oxford](#)

May 22 | [Remsen](#)

June 9 | [Charles City](#)

We'll get together to go on pasture walks, discuss spring grazing management on lush pastures, first cut hay, planting summer annuals and more. Meet and learn from fellow livestock farmers. **Each of these events runs from 4:30-7 p.m.** and will have a meal provided.

[Learn more and RSVP today!](#)

## Did you miss either of these event?

You can catch the highlights by clicking below. You can watch Roger Smith talk about [marketing chestnuts](#) or even Cody Hopkins share about [Building a Meat Cooperative From the Ground up](#). These and many more videos are available.



If you are a Practical Farmers of Iowa member, you should have received your spring issue of our quarterly magazine, "the Practical Farmer," in the mail. If you wish to receive our magazine in the mail [join PFI today](#) and you'll automatically receive all future issues.

With this issue, **we are also pleased to announce our new digital version** of the magazine! Now, in addition to just downloading a static PDF or relying on your print copy, [you can engage with the magazine more interactively](#) on our website!

# Check out these resources for beginning farmers

We have recently updated our collection of business, financial, production, and technical assistance resources to help aspiring and beginning farmers further their business goals. **You can access them by clicking on the icons below.** We will continue to build this list and add new resources as they are available. If you see any resources missing that you find helpful please share them with us. You can send them to **Greg Padget** at [greg@practicalfarmers.org](mailto:greg@practicalfarmers.org).



**BUSINESS PLANNING**



**FINANCIAL**



**LAND ACCESS**

## **Electric Fencing Basics**

This article contains helpful advice on how to correctly setup an electric fence, how to select a fence charger and what to be aware of when you go to ground your system for the first time.

## **Orchard for Sale**

Orchard and home for sale near Lansing, Iowa. Orchard contains over 200 organic apple trees along with other fruits.

## **Food Safety Liability Training**

Farm Commons is offering Cultivate Legal Resilience through Food Safety Law, a free, online course, until April 30, 2019. Through this self-paced course, farmers will learn methods for reducing their risk of food safety liability and best practices for planning for recovery support if and when a food-safety incident occurs.

## **Agroforestry Academy Accepting Registrations**

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry is accepting applications for its Agroforestry Academy, set for July 21-26, 2019, in Columbia, Missouri. The training includes integrated classroom workshops, multiple on-farm visits, and hands-on demonstrations. It focuses on practical on-farm agroforestry planning and design to advance adoption of agroforestry as a cornerstone of productive land use. Scholarships are available for veteran farmers. Registration is due by May 24, 2019.

## Beginning Farmer Poll

What best describes you?

**Farm full-time**

Select

**Farm full-time with additional off-farm employment**

Select

**Farm part-time with full-time employment off-farm**

Select

**Aspiring to farm**

Select

## Upcoming PFI Events



Shop on  
Thursday, April 18  
to support  
Practical Farmers of Iowa



Practical Farmers of Iowa has been chosen by Whole Foods as a recipient of its Community Giving Days!

**On Thursday, April 18,** if you shop at **Whole Foods Market in West Des Moines**, 5% of your purchase will go to support our Savings Incentive Program.

This program helps beginning farmers by matching them with mentors, networking opportunities and business planning support. While in SIP, participants are encouraged to save money for their current or future farm businesses. The "incentive" part of the program is a dollar-for-dollar match that PFI provides on money participants save while in the program.

Money raised at Whole Foods on April 18 will help us fund these savings matches, which beginning farmers use to buy essential equipment to better their farming operations.

**April 18: Whole Foods Community Giving Day**  
**West Des Moines**

**May 9: Grazing Group - Lamoni**  
4:30 - 7 p.m. | [RSVP](#)

**May 16: Grazing Group - Lockridge**  
4:30 - 7 p.m. | [RSVP](#)

**May 22: Grazing Group - Remsen**  
4:30 - 7 p.m. | [RSVP](#)

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4:30 - 7 p.m. | [RSVP](#)

**May 30: Grazing Group - Oxford**  
4:30 - 7 p.m. | [RSVP](#)

[\*\*View even more events on our calendar!\*\*](#)

## Programs Designed for Beginning Farmers

### Labor4Learning

Labor4Learning helps beginning farmers get paid on-the-job training with experienced farmers, and pays experienced farmers for their time and effort.

[\*\*Check out more and see open positions\*\*](#)





## Savings Incentive Program

Savings Incentive Program is a 2-year program that pairs beginning and aspiring farmers with experienced farmer mentors; provides targeted learning and peer networking opportunities; offers business planning support and guidance. All this while you save money and then we match is dollar for dollar up to \$2,400, to use toward the purchase of a farm asset.



[Check out more information](#)

## Find A Farmer

Find A Farmer allows for a comfortable place to start anonymous conversations with land-seekers or landowners about land access. Search for users in a particular area that fit your specifications and begin the discussion.

Find A Farmer is FREE and available for anyone with internet access! No membership is required.



[Check out more and see land available](#)

STAY CONNECTED



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