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NEWS

August 2022

Hop on the bus to learn about tree-range poultry Aug. 27!



(Photos: top left: Wil Crombie; top right: Reginaldo "Regi" Haslett-Marroquín)

Hop on the bus to Northfield, Minnesota, with PFI and fellow poultry enthusiasts to **learn about regenerative Tree-Range poultry production** from the Regenerative Agriculture Alliance's **Reginaldo "Regi" Haslett-Marroquín** (Salvatierra Farm) and **Wil Crombie** (Regeneration Farm).

Their innovative coop and paddock system integrates trees and perennial crops like hazelnuts and elderberries. We'll also discuss processing and marketing.

Saturday, Aug. 27

The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. from Practical Farmers of Iowa's office in Ames, Iowa, with an additional pick-up location in Clear Lake, Iowa. We'll arrive back in Ames around 8 p.m.

Content will be delivered in Spanish and English during this event, and interpretation will be provided.

The bus trip is **FREE**, but **seating on the bus is limited and pre-registration is required**. To register, contact Debra at debra@practicalfarmers.org or (515) 232-5661, or [register online from the bus trip webpage](#).

Interested in urban farming and food access? There's a field day for that!

Aug. 17 | Waterloo, IA | 4-6 p.m.

Join PFI at a field day hosted by **DaQuan Campbell** of We Arose Co-op in Waterloo's Fourth Ward. DaQuan farms a quarter-acre, growing affordable produce to nourish his community and their families.



He'll share his strategy for **greens production, no-till bed preparation, give tips on irrigation** and tools as well as discuss working with community partners and neighbors.

[**More Info & RSVP Here**](#)

Need an extra boost while working on your farm business plan? SIP applications open Aug. 22!

Getting a start in farming can be difficult, and sometimes you need a little guidance to keep you on track.

PFI's Savings Incentive Program (SIP) provides targeted learning and peer networking opportunities, offers business planning support and guidance, and provides up to \$2,400 in savings match toward a farm purchase.

[Learn more about SIP here](#) - and check back for enrollment information.

Questions? **Contact Greg Padget** at (515) 232-5661 or greg@practicalfarmers.org



Couch time: Explore the farminar archive!

Online Marketing for P...



Did you know **PFI has 169 recorded farminars available for FREE** on our Youtube channel? (Did you know a "farminar" is a farmer-led webinar?).

[Start watching here: Online Marketing for Pastured Products](#) with **Hannah Bernhardt** of Medicine Creek Farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

More upcoming PFI events

Aug 11: Virtual Meeting - [Farmers of Color Meeting](#)

Hosted by: Celize Christy | Practical Farmers of Iowa
6-7:30 p.m. | Online
(This is a BIPOC-only event)

Aug. 17: Field Day - [Tree Transition at a Mid-Size High-Density Apple Orchard at Timeless Prairie Orchard](#)

Hosted by David & Susan Differding | Practical Farmers of Iowa
2-4 p.m. | Winthrop, IA

Sept. 6: Field Day - [Growing and Marketing Salad and Microgreens at Cherry Lane Farm](#)

Hosted by: Krissy & Calvin Thiessen, Cherry Lane Farm | Practical Farmers of Iowa
11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Spirit Lake, IA

Sept. 24-25: Festival - [PFI at Iowa's Latino Heritage Festival](#)

Visit our booth in the exhibitor area to chat with PFI staff and friends!
10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Des Moines, IA

[View more events on our calendar](#)

BEGINNING FARMER RESOURCES

Check out these additional resources for beginning farmers

Livestock Conservancy Heritage Microgrant Program

Grants up to \$2,000 to U.S. producers working with livestock and poultry breeds listed on the [Conservation Priority List](#). **Application Deadline:**

8/19/22. [Learn more and apply...](#)

Farm Financial Health Check-up

Join Flanagan State Bank Agricultural Lender, Sarah Hoerner, as she walks you through some of the most important tools and strategies for keeping your farm's financial health. In this self-guided course, Sarah will walk you through four sessions.

Each session includes a video lesson led by Sarah and is accompanied by a short quiz and a variety of materials to help you get your finances in order. You will also have the opportunity to connect directly with Sarah for personal financial coaching!

[Register for this FREE course today!](#)

Marbleseed Mentorship Program

Apply for the 16th year of The Marbleseed Farmer-to-Farmer Mentorship Program! In this year-long program, newer farmers are paired 1-to-1 with a more experienced grower in order to move their farm forward, focusing on a specific production, business or quality of life aspect of their farm.

[Applications are due November 30.](#)

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