



Beginning
Farmer
NEWS
November 2018

Join Us for the Beginning Farmer Retreat

Friday, Nov. 30 - Saturday, Dec. 1
Montour, IA
Pilgrim Heights Retreat Center



[Registration is now open](#) for our 2018 beginning farmer retreat. This year, we will gather at Pilgrim Heights Retreat Center in Montour, Iowa. This annual event brings beginning farmers together to network, plan and discuss ways to improve their farms while helping to build a sense of community among this fast-growing farming demographic. This popular event is beneficial for beginning and aspiring farmers in all enterprises. " *This is a must for anyone serious about planning their farm future*" shared one attendee at last year's retreat.

Attendance is very limited! **Sign up before Monday, November 26th.**

Register Today

OPPORTUNITIES

[Virtual Conference for Beginning Farmers](#)

December 3-6

The National Farmers Union presents a virtual conference for beginning farmers and ranchers Dec. 3-6, 2018. The free Growing for the Future event includes webinars, live Q&A sessions, a discussion board, an online resource center, and free giveaways.

[Farm Starts Workshop](#)

December 6 - Polk City

This day-long workshop is designed to help agricultural producers in the dairy and grain sectors who have been farming for less than 10 years. Producers considering a transition from conventional to organic are encouraged to attend. Several of the day's sessions apply to both conventional and organic producers. Register today and receive a \$200 farm and travel expense allowance.

[Farm Finances Webinar Series Returns with Cash Flow Statements](#)

December 12

12-1 p.m.

Spend the lunch-hour exploring the power of the cash flow statement. The cash flow statement is an important tool to help you manage your money, pay your bills, and weather unexpected expenses. In this webinar, you will learn about the components of a cash flow statement, how to interpret each line, and

ways that the cash flow statement is useful to your farm business. From planning your seed purchase to preparing for April's tax bill, the cash flow statement will inform some of your biggest business decisions.

RESOURCES

[Cultivating Change Grant](#)

Cultivating Change is a local farm grant program offered by Greener Fields Together. It aims to fund projects and pursuits that will help local farmers do what they're best at: farming. Qualified growers and aggregators are able to win up to \$30,000 annually through an online voting platform and peer review panel. Local farms can [apply](#) for a project until December 15th, 2018.

[Multispecies Grazing: A Primer on Diversity](#)

This new publication, "Multispecies Grazing: A Primer on Diversity," discusses the financial, animal-health, and pasture-health benefits that can be attained by grazing multiple livestock species on the same ground. Written by NCAT Agriculture Specialist Lee Rinehart, it delves into the details of grazing planning for species with different grazing dynamics, and explores the practical implications of fencing and handling livestock with different requirements.

PFI EVENTS

Nov. 27: Farminar - [Where to Begin With Winter Wheat Production](#)

7 p.m. | [Tune in here](#)

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1: [2018 Beginning Farmer Retreat](#)

Montour | [Register Here](#)

Dec. 4: Farminar - [Grazing Cover Crops With Sheep](#)

7 p.m. | [Tune in here](#)

Dec 11: Farminar - [Organic Seedling Production](#)

7 p.m. | [Tune in here](#)

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](#)

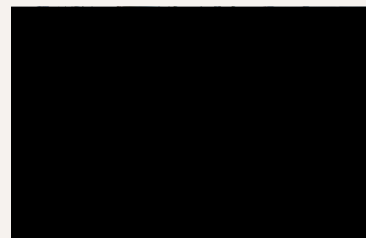
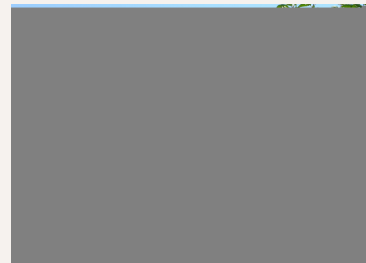
Saving Incentive Program

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. 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.

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