

**Farm Beginnings®** is an educational training and support program designed to help people who want to evaluate and plan their farm enterprise. Farm Beginnings® participants engage in a mentorship experience and network with a variety of successful, innovative farmers; attend practical, high quality seminars, field days and conferences.

One participant said,  
*"It has had a tremendous impact on our operation and we have developed a holistic goal for our farm/life and are excited about where we are headed."*

A member of the class that is starting a new venture said,  
*"This program helped me organize my activities and efforts, helping me to understand what the important tasks were."*

Another member of the class said,  
*"This program had a huge impact. I have improved my business plan, my overall efficiency and continue to try new ideas I thought to not be possible."*

And finally,  
*"I found it to be an excellent way for someone such as myself, with no farm background, to understand the planning, scheduling, budgeting and marketing aspects of farming. . . . For anyone who has a desire to improve the quality of their lives while at the same time improving the quality of the land around them, I would strongly encourage them to take the Farm Beginnings® class. They will be glad they did."*



Know how. Know **now.**

## Farm Beginnings® 2012-2013



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# Farm Beginnings® Agenda

**December 8, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Building Networks, Value Clarification & Goal Setting** - Holistic Management - Ralph Tate

**December 22, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Whole Farm Planning**

- Tour Jim Bender's Organic Farm near Weeping Water and
- Complete session on Holistic Management – Ralph Tate

**January 5, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Building Your Business Plan**

- Farm Planning and Marketing - Paul Rohrbaugh, Natural Grass-fed Beef, Pasture Poultry and Egg Producer
- Nebraska Beginning Farmer Program – Marian Beethe, NE Department of Ag

**January 19, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Marketing and Farm Planning**

- CSA Organic Vegetable Farm - Evrett Lundquist & Ruth Chantry (Common Good Farms)

**January 26, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Business and Farm Management**

- Kevin Fulton, Grass-Fed Beef Producer

**February 9, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Financial Management**

- Ralph Tate

**February 15-16, 2013 – Rural Advantage/Healthy Farms Conference – Nebraska City**

**March 2, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Realities from the Farm**

- Starting a New Farm, Beginning Farmers – Alex McKiernan & Chloe Diegel (Robinette Farms) and
- Farm Loan Programs & Resources for Beginning Farmers – Representative from USDA Farm Service Agency

**March 16, 2013 - 10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. – Marketing and Finances**

- Organic Crops and Direct Market Poultry and Beef – Dave & Deb Welsch, West Blue Farms and
- Local MarketCALC Program - Roger Wilson, Extension Educator

**March 30, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Opportunities in Value-Added Agriculture**

- Martin Kleinschmit, Organic Farmer and Sustainable Ag Practitioner
- Previous Farm Beginnings Graduates

**April 13, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- Presentations of Farm and Business Plans by Farm Beginnings® Participants

**Course fee - \$500** (flexible payment plan)

If you would like an application for **Farm Beginnings®**, please contact:

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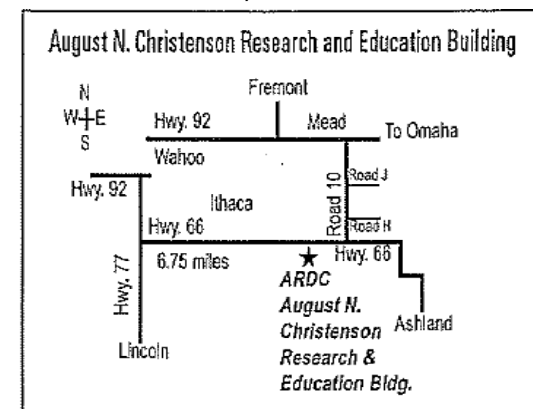
A **\$50 deposit** is required to reserve your spot and must be returned with the application.

Classes will be held at the

**Agriculture Research & Development Center**

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**FROM LINCOLN:** Take Hwy. 77 north out of Lincoln towards Wahoo. The turnoff is located 20 miles north on Hwy. 77. (You will approach a green *Univ. of Nebraska Agricultural R & D Center* sign, a Hwy. 66/77 sign, and a Wahoo/Ashland/Ithaca sign right before the turn.) Turn east (right) onto Hwy. 66 and travel ¾ miles east. The [August N. Christenson Research and Education Building](#) is located on Hwy. 66 on the south (right) side of the road. The building is situated behind a hill and is difficult to see from the highway.