

What is the Foothills Farm School?

The Foothills Farm School is a 7-month educational program that trains beginning and existing farmers with a strong commitment to operate successful small-scale and sustainable farms.

The school offers seven business classroom sessions, which will give farmers the tools to create a viable small-scale, economically sustainable farm enterprise. The school also includes seven field days at different operational farms led by innovative, experienced farmers and agricultural professionals.

The scope of what participants learn will include:

- Low cost, sustainable farming methods
- Business planning
- Financial management
- Effective marketing strategies
- Risk management strategies

Cost: 1 person—\$250

2 people from the same farm —\$400

Space is limited: Deadline to register is

December 1st, 2014

Email or mail application form to:

foothillsfs@ncsu.edu

Caldwell County Extension,

Attn: Foothills Farm School

120 Hospital Ave. NE Suite 1,

Lenoir, NC 28645

We will notify you to let you know if you have been accepted to the school and when & where to send your registration fee.

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If you have any additional questions, please email

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FOOTHILLS NC FARM SCHOOL

Growing farmers from the ground up.



Training farmers
to operate
successful
small-scale and
sustainable farms

Foothills Farm School Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Current Employment Status (other than on the farm—please circle one):

Retired Work full time Work part time Not employed for pay

Do you own or have access to land? If so, how much?

Describe your current or ideal farming enterprise.

What is your past farming experience?

Why do you want to go to Farm School?

What do you feel you need the most assistance with ? (Please circle one.)

- ◇ Financial management
- ◇ Business planning and development
- ◇ Farm management and production information

Foothills Farm School 2015 Schedule

Business Sessions

January 6th— Evaluating a New Business Plan

February 3rd— Land Acquisition/Business Structure/
Taxes & Legal Issues

March 3rd— Capital Budgets & Credit

April 7th—Financial Management

May 5th— Market Research

June 2nd— Risk Management

July 7th— Putting it All Together

Field Days

January 8th— Soils & Pasture Ecology

February 12th— Livestock

March 12th— Livestock Processing

April 9th— Specialty Crops

May 14th— Small Fruits

June 11th— Vegetables

July 9th— Graduation

All classroom sessions will be held from 6 to 9 pm
on the first Tuesday of the month at the Catawba
County Extension Office, 1175 S. Brady Ave.,
Newton, NC 28658

Field days will run from approximately 9 am to 3
pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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