



**LAND
STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT**

Growing the Next Generation of Farmers

From Seed to Success

STEP 4—COMPETENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Individualized syllabus
- Production, marketing and financial training
- Address land access
- Equity building opportunities
- One-on-one with a LSP staff advisor
- Guided by experienced farmers
- Guided by technical support personnel

STEP 3—ADVANCED BEGINNER FARM BEGINNINGS

- 10-Month training program
- Whole farm and enterprise planning
- Connection to farmer network
- Growing season learning plan
- On-farm field days and workshops

STEP 2—BEGINNER FARM DREAMS

- Day-long workshop
- Explore whole-farm planning
- Complete personal assessments
- Create an action plan

STEP 1—NOVICE ON-FARM TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- Field days
- Skill sessions
- Farm visits
- Work exchanges
- Internships/Employment
- Conferences/Workshops



COMPETENT

Use a strategic plan to inform decisions and achieve goals. Actions are seen in terms of longer term goals and with practical knowledge of how a farming system works.



ADVANCED BEGINNER

Start to apply knowledge of key aspects of farming to planning for future success. Draw on one's own experiences to anticipate future needs and outcomes.



BEGINNER

Starting to gather a working knowledge through practice on a farm. Actions are viewed in a series of steps leading to a specific outcome. Trial and error are an important learning tool and best done with little risk involved in the outcomes.



NOVICE

Knowledge of farming is limited to what one can read in a book. Knowledge is not connected to practical application. Actions are isolated from the complex whole of a farming system.

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Please complete the following assessment to assist you in determining the appropriate place to plug into our training opportunities.

****If you answer YES to 2 or more of the questions in each step, proceed to the next step...**

****If you answer NO to 2 or more of these questions, consider participating in the suggested opportunity...**

Step 1: Novice	YES	NO
I have attended more than one conference or workshop dealing with sustainable agriculture.		
I have visited a working farm in the last two years.		
I have participated in a work related activity on a farm in the last two years.		



ON-FARM EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS
 Field days/Skill sessions/Farm visits/
 Work exchanges/Internships/Employment/
 Conferences/Workshops
*Join LSP to become part of
 our training network*



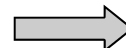
Step 2: Beginner	YES	NO
I have explored several different possible farming enterprises.		
I have explored the idea and components of operating my own farm.		
I feel I am ready for an intense, long-term farm enterprise planning course.		



FARM DREAMS
 Day-long workshop/Explore whole-farm
 planning/Complete personal assessments/
 Create an action plan
*Register for Farm Dreams
 (Offered 4 times per year)*



Step 3: Advanced Beginner	YES	NO
I have explored how to make farming a career or a way to generate supplemental income.		
I understand the planning process that goes into starting a farm business.		
I have created a detailed plan for my future farming enterprise.		
I am well connected to the established sustainable agriculture community.		



FARM BEGINNINGS
 10-Month training program/Whole farm and
 enterprise planning/Connection to farmer
 network/Growing season learning plan/On-
 farm field days and workshops
*Apply for Farm Beginnings at
 www.farmbeginnings.org*



Step 4: Competent	YES
I have completed the Farm Beginnings Program.	
I am interested in further support to make my farm business more successful.	
I have identified several areas in my business that could use additional support.	



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