

Piedmont Farm School 2013



*Training farmers
to operate
successful
small-scale,
sustainable farms.*

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2013 Piedmont Farm School Registration Form

Name: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

What area of farming are you most interested in? _____

Cost: One Person: \$200 Two People: \$250 Three or More: \$300 (family)

Registration deadline is December 14. \$25 Registration Late Fee After This Date

Make checks payable to: Davidson County Horticulture **Sorry, no refunds for cancellations.**

Mail registration form & fee to: Cooperative Extension Service, 301 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292

Piedmont Farm School 2013 Schedule

February

Feb. 12 - Whole Farm Planning
Feb. 28 - Farm Trip to Peregrine Farm in Alamance County

March

March 12 - Farm Planning
March 28 - Small Scale Dairy Goat Lady Dairy in Liberty, NC

April

April 9 - Financial Record Keeping
April 25 - Specialty Crops Farm Trip (Hops & Mushrooms) in Yadkin & Iredell Counties

May

May 14 - Farm History & Current Situation "What Have You Got?"
May 30 - Fruits Farm Trip to High Rock Nursery & The Persimmon Branch

June

June 11 - Marketing Fundamentals
June 27 - Vegetables Farm Trip to Piedmont Research Station, Salisbury & Correll Farms, Cleveland in Rowan County

July - August

BREAK—NO CLASS

September

September 10 - Your Business Planning
September 26 - Pasture Pork & Poultry Farm Trip to Wild Turkey Farm in Rowan County

October

October 8 - Student Review
October 27 - Agritourism, Marketing Sanders Ridge Winery, Vineyard & Organic Farm, in Booneville

What is the Piedmont Farm School?

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

The school offers seven business-planning seminars, which will give farmers the tools to create a viable business plan for a small scale, economically sustainable farm enterprise. The school also includes seven field trips at different working farms led by innovative experienced farmers and agricultural professionals.

The scope of what participants learn will include:

- Low-cost Sustainable Farming Methods
- Business Planning & Development
- Financial Management
- Effective Marketing Strategies

For more information visit our website at: www.davidson.ces.ncsu.edu or call our office at 336-242-2085.

Business Planning Seminars are 6-9pm the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Davidson County Extension Office, 301 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292.