



SMALL FARMER ACADEMY

“Cultivating Small Farm Dreams”

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Overview

The Southern University Small Farm Academy is a course of study specifically designed to guide small, and limited resource farmers through the process of becoming more successful agricultural entrepreneurs. This unique training prepares small farmers to make better decisions on their farm or agricultural operation, while also equipping them with the necessary skills and expertise to assume positions of leadership in the agricultural community.

Mission Statement

The Small Farmer Academy mission is to promote the sustainability of Louisiana small family farms through enhanced business management skills.

Objectives

- Increase the leadership, decision making and skills of participants.
- Enhance understanding of state and federal government agricultural economies, and the effects of global agriculture on the US economy.
- Improve ability to manage a farm business in a competitive global economy.
- Develop and enhance business management and marketing skills.
- Introduce producers to how decisions are made at the parish, state, regional and national levels.

Why Participate:

- Better understanding of agricultural policy and the decision-making process.

- Increase net farm income.
- Better understanding of USDA programs and services.

Target Audience

Any beginning, veteran, or potential farmers in the state of Louisiana. However, we also specialize in small, limited resource farmers.

Emerging Topics & Trends

- Business and Marketing Program
- Hoop House & Greenhouse Construction
- Resources / Funding
- Farmer Mentorship
- Whole Farm Planning
- One-on-One Farm Evaluation
- Farm Tours and Field Days
- Computer Literacy / Training



Target Areas

Statewide



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Small Farmer Academy

Please complete this application form and mail to:

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Information provided on this form will be used to select participants for the program. Two letters of recommendation, and a statement of interest must be sent with the application. Selected participants will be notified.

For additional information, call: (225) 771-3532; Fax: (225) 771-2861; or email: brian_phillips@suagcenter.com

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Daytime Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Ethnic Background (Please choose One box below):

African American ☐ Native American of Alaskan Native ☐
Southeast Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐
Pacific Islander ☐ Caucasian ☐
Other (Specify) _____

Education and Professional Experiences

Name of School	Attendance Date (From- To/Month & Year)	Date of Graduation	Degree Earned

Present Occupation

Farming Occupation (Please specify) _____

Number of years in farming: _____
Full-time ☐
Part-time ☐

How did you get started in farming?

Describe the farm operation:

Crop(s)	Acres	Livestock or Poultry	Units

Percentage of annual income earned from farming: _____

Present employer (or enterprise if self-employed: _____

Briefly describe your agribusiness activities:

What is your present position and describe your responsibilities on the farm?

Indicate your membership and offices held in organizations including college, agriculture, civic, church, government and fraternal.

Organization	How Long a Member (Give Dates)	Office held, If Any (Give Dates)

If selected, do you agree to participate fully in the program?

Yes ☐
No ☐

The statements made on the applications are true and complete. I have read and understand the objectives of the Small Farmer Academy and I agree to abide by the established rules and regulations for the program.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Return to:

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