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Legal Aid of Nebraska Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

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Project Audience

- Project thesis: Legal Aid of Nebraska and its partners can assist beginning farmers and ranchers begin and scale their operations as well as educate and assist transitioning/retiring farmers and ranchers in opening up the land
- Audience is farmers/ranchers in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, and StrikeForce area northeast Colorado
 - Includes socially disadvantaged and veterans
 - Also includes transitioning/retiring farmers and ranchers



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Partners/Collaborators

- Center for Rural Affairs
- Colorado Agri-Women
- Colorado Conservation Tillage Association
- Dakota Rural Action
- Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska
- Nebraska Department of Agriculture
- University of Wyoming Rural Law Center



Key Approach(es)

- Workshops, clinics, and one-on-one sessions
- Collaborative Network in which Nebraska state, federal, nonprofit, and university stakeholders meet quarterly to discuss best practices, new initiatives, strategies, and programming
- Conference aimed at veterans
- Social media/website platform



Overall Target Outcome

By the end of this project, we will have helped:

- 3780 people (including 10% socially disadvantaged and 10% veterans) to take action, including 378 start a farm



What do you have to share?

- Our expertise is in:
 - Legal avenues to assist beginners and transitioning landowners
 - Building coalitions among stakeholders



What do you hope to learn from other projects?

- Technical and marketing resources
- Innovative business structures/entities, especially those that assist non-related parties/beginning farmers



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