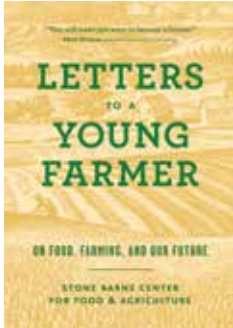


THE GROWING FARMERS INITIATIVE at Stone Barns Center

The Growing Farmers Initiative is our comprehensive training program to help beginning farmers build a foundation for economically and ecologically resilient enterprises.



LETTERS TO A YOUNG FARMER

In the first book from Stone Barns Center, some of the most influential farmers, writers, chefs and leaders of our time share their wisdom and insight with the next generation of farmers. The anthology of 36 essays and letters is both a compelling history and a vital road map—a reckoning of how we eat and farm; how the two can come together to build a more sustainable future; and why now, more than ever before, we need farmers.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Each year, we host 6 to 10 young farmers for a nine-month program of hands-on training and education in the practice of agroecology and the business of farming.

YOUNG FARMERS CONFERENCE

This conference, held annually in early December, brings together more than 250 new farmers and a select group of young chefs from across the United States. It provides access to unique workshops that address the future skills needed by farmers while creating a setting for people to build relationships with their peers.

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

Throughout the year, we hold workshops for beginning farmers featuring expert presenters on topics related to the practice of agroecology. Classes cover subjects such as soil science and management, botany, plant breeding, animal husbandry, butchery, cooking and business planning. Selected workshops are open to the public.

FARMER KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES

Together with partners, we create videos and offer a comprehensive curriculum and readings for beginning farmers. Find more information on these programs and our resources at virtualgrange.org.

UPCOMING 2017 BEGINNING FARMER WORKSHOPS:

Genetics: Seeds and Lambing | **March 23**

Soil Biology Lab | **April 6**

Biogeochemical Cycles | **April 27**

Bee School | **June 22**

Landscape Management and Pollination | **July 13**

History of Agriculture: Organics and the Green Revolution | **July 27**

Seed Saving and Patent Laws | **October 19**

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