Evaluating, Renovating, and Strengthening Pennsylvania’s New Farmer Apprenticeship Programs

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Our Audience:

• Experienced farmers hosting on-farm apprenticeships or internships in Pennsylvania.
  ➢ Mostly vegetable farmers
  ➢ Mainly male (70%)
  ➢ Entirely white
  ➢ 5-10 or over 20 years experience

• Recent apprentices or interns in these programs.
  ➢ We are still developing this sample
Our Team

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Our Approach

• Mixed-method survey of host farms and current apprentices.

• Follow-up phone interviews.
Target Outcomes

Through this project we will:

• Identify factors that distinguish successful from struggling on-farm programs.

• Identify primary areas for improvement.

• Develop ideas for outreach and education to help farms hosting apprentices.
What do you have to share?

- Farmers frustrated with baseline skill and experience of interns and apprentices.
- Farmers struggling to recruit good applicants.
What do we hope to learn from other projects?

• How do you get busy farmers to work with you?
Keep in touch!

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