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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



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Our Approach

- Mixed-method survey of host farms and current apprentices.
- Follow-up phone interviews.



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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.



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What do we hope to learn from other projects?

- How do you get busy farmers to work with you?



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