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
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
Keep in touch!

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