

Beginning Farmer & Rancher Development Program

Strengthening our Farms Across Connecticut

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Summary

- Enhance BF training at 'Agriculture Learning Centers'
- Build basic training opportunities in fundamentals of production, farmland, farm financials, and equipment
- Increase awareness of grants, service providers
- Support peer-to-peer networking

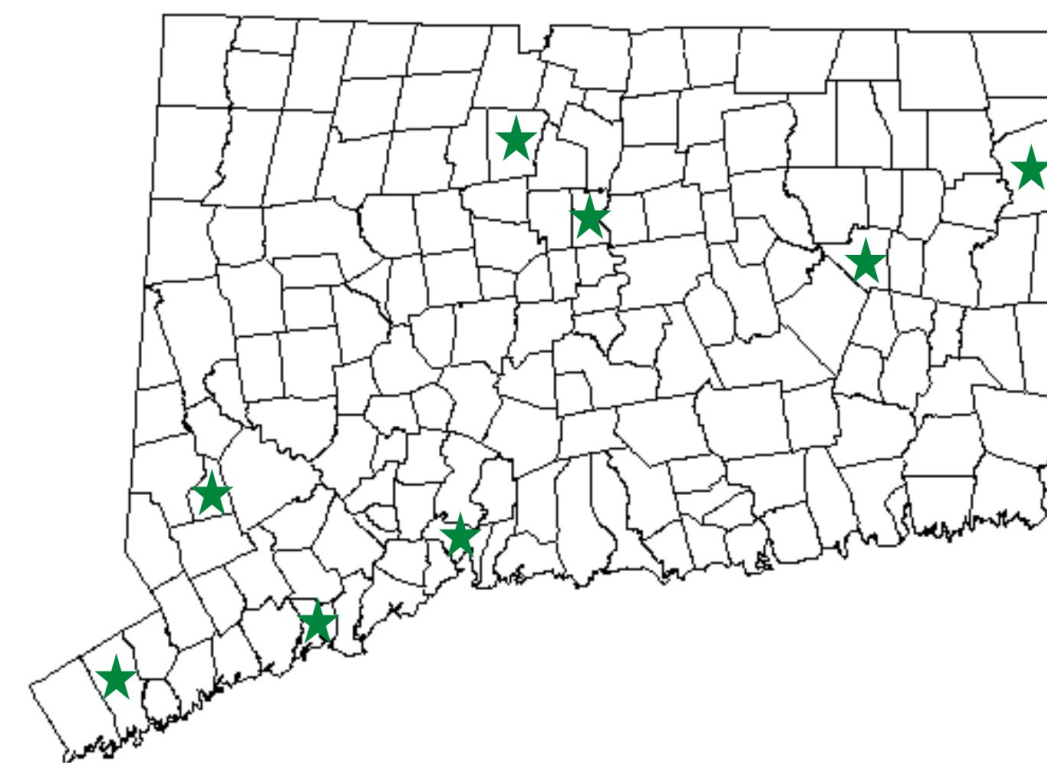


Farm Equipment Day



Farmland Evaluation Training

Where



Tractor Safety & Maintenance Training

Who We Serve

- 52% women
- 72% beginning farmers
- 57% already growing food
- 39% 'ready to start'
- 44% looking to make a change in operations

Activities

- 26 Solid Ground trainings reach over 250 attendees
- 3 major statewide events reaching over 200 attendees
- 15 growers receive one-on-one help with vegetable production
- 20 growers receive one-on-one help with farmland soils management



Urban Agriculture Training Program



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Objectives

- Solid Ground training program
- One-on-one mentoring
- Equipment Days
- Peer-to-Peer Networking
- Ag Re\$ource Fair



Agriculture Learning Center Partners

