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South Dakota Beginning Farmer Training, Mentoring, Networking and Market Support Project

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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development
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Project Audience

- Farm Beginnings Participants
 - South Dakotans
 - Majority of participants are socially disadvantaged
 - Beginning farmers & ranchers
 - First 10 years



Partners/Collaborators

- Team Players
 - Frank James, Dakota Rural Action, PD
 - Eowyn Corral, Dakota Rural Action, Program Admin
 - Matt West, Dakota Rural Action, Farm Beginnings Coordinator
- Collaborators
 - LSP, Farmer Veteran Coalition, SDSU Extension, NPSAS



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Key Approach(es)

10 month program using core curriculum developed by
Land Steward Project
Peer to Peer, Farmer & Rancher led
10 Classroom sessions, 3 months of on farm training
Apprenticeships, Mentorship
Curriculum changes according to participants
Farmer Network



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Overall Target Outcome

By the end of this project, we will have helped:
50 people (including 50+% women owned,
veterans, and Native Americans) in program
120+ graduated participants, 75+% actively
farming



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What do you have to share?

Peer to Peer training really works
Rural food production models



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What do you hope to learn from other projects?

Reporting out, data collection

Food hub models for rural communities

Marketing/Branding for rural environments

Consumer education for local foods



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