



Securing Beginning Farmers Through Succession Planning Project

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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development
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Project Audience

Who are you aiming to help?

- Wisconsin
- Farmers over Age 55 with no transition plan and beginning farmers with no farm
- Any type of production agriculture
- Retiring farmers and beginning farmers
- Farmers with disabilities that have been served by our program

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Partners/Collaborators

Who are the key people on your team?



- FARM team, Easter Seals Wisconsin



- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection-Wisconsin Farm Center



- AgrAbility, University of Wisconsin-Extension

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Key Approach(es)

- UW Extension will provide statewide outreach to farm families
- WI Farm Center and Easter Seals WI FARM specialists will provide senior farm operators and beginning farmers with guidance, knowledge and tools to make informed decisions on continuation of the farm business
- All partners will continue to build on the relationships established as part of the past service process for farmers served through the program

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Overall Target Outcome

By the end of this project, we will have helped:

- 120 farmers will explore transition planning and
- 57 farmers will have identified an individual to transfer their farm to and will have completed and developed a written transition plan

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What do you have to share?

- Knowledge and experience in developing transition plans
- Knowledge and experience in serving farmers with disabilities

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What do you hope to learn from other projects?

- Approaches that have been successful in engaging farmers who are nearing retirement to engage in the process of transition planning for their farm
- What the focuses of these various projects are and how we can learn from their experiences and resources

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