

New Farmer/Rancher Application
2022 El Paso County Building Farmers Program

Due Date: December 27, 2021

Please fill out this form and email it to Michele.Ritchie@colostate.edu

Name, address, phone number, e-mail address:

Intermediate Farmer/Rancher is defined as:

Production and/or marketing manager or sole operator on a vegetable/fruit/flower/herb/livestock operation greater than 1/4 acre (10,890 sq ft) for less than 3 years.

NOTE: The review committee reserves the right to change experience designation to new farmer if insufficient information is presented in this application to support the definition of an intermediate farmer in a commercial operation.

- 1. Describe your experience working in horticulture/agriculture. Include scope of operation, number of acres, your role(s) in the operation, and number of years in each role.**

- 2. Why would you like to participate in the Building Farmers Program? Cite specific skills you hope to learn or plans you hope to formalize.**

3. Describe the horticulture/agriculture enterprise that you are interested in starting or expanding (if applicable). Please include as many business plan specifics as you have at this time (products offered, marketing channels used, labor requirements, operating costs, projected revenues, etc.)

4. What are three business management aspects of farming/ranching that you are interested in learning in this class? (i.e., finance, CSA farm management, recordkeeping, labor management, business planning, tax strategies, etc.)

5. Please tell us something interesting about yourself that may be used as an ice-breaker in class.

If you are accepted into the program you will receive a pre-course survey electronically that will help us evaluate impacts of the program and understand what you would like to learn in the Building Farmers Program. Please look for and return this pre-course survey in a timely manner.

Submission of Application

FEES: **New and Intermediate Farmers and Ranchers** - \$200 for entire program. (\$300 for two people with one set of handouts)
Experienced Farmers and Ranchers - \$120 for entire program or \$25 per class

Payment due in full by January 7, 2022.

NOTES: **\$25 due with application** (will be returned if not accepted into the class).

A Pre-Course Assessment must be completed and submitted prior to the first class. We will e-mail all participants the link prior to the first class.

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- Email your completed application to**
Michele.Ritchie@colostate.edu
 - Pay your Colorado Building Farmers application fee at:**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/222405570047>
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If you have questions, please contact
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