

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:

New Farmer/Rancher is defined as:

An individual who has gardened/farmed on less than 1/4 acre (10,890 square feet) and/or has less than 1-year experience as sole operator and/or intern/apprentice level experience only (large garden or on-farm or ranch), or a landowner with the intention of actively farming or ranching for profit.

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

2. What are some of your goals and expectations regarding participating in this program?

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

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

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

6. Given that farming/ranching is very stressful, both physically and mentally, describe the hardest job you have ever had and describe why it challenged you.

7. 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. The pre-course survey must be returned prior to the first class.

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.

Email your completed application to Michele.Ritchie@colostate.edu

Pay your Colorado Building Farmers application fee at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/222405570047>

If you have questions, please contact
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