WHAT PAST PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

“Well worth the time invested. Good people that have a passion for the material.”

“Invaluable. We’re inspired!”

“This class will help me avoid some expensive mistakes in the future.”

ABOUT SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

We understand the everyday heroics required to run a small farm. We can’t add more hours to the day, but we can make your day easier with practical, researched-based education.

Our programming efforts are aimed toward Minnesotans new to land ownership. Find more of our events and sign up for our email list at extension.umn.edu/smallfarms.

Choose a Location:

ROGERS
Community Room
21201 Memorial Drive
Wednesday nights
Feb. 24 – Apr. 13
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NEW PRAGUE
State Bank of New Prague
Basement Mtg Room
101 1st St. SE
Tuesday nights
Mar. 15 – May 3
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

A COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO MANAGING YOUR SMALL ACREAGE OR FARM

Eight-week course starts:
Wednesday, Feb. 24th – Rogers, MN
OR
Tuesday, March 15th - New Prague, MN

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The following topics will be covered in this eight-week program:

**Taking Stock:** What do you have and what do you want? Develop short and long term goals, complete an inventory and property map. Introduction to Extension, and get to know each other.

**What can I do with my land?** Being neighborly, local & state regulations, limitations, and goals. Enterprise production systems, marketing and economics for agricultural/rural land-based enterprises.

**The Living Soil – Don’t Treat it like Dirt!** Learn about soil texture and structure, soil biology and fertility, minimizing erosion, soil testing, and how to maximize soil quality. Equipment for small farms.

**We All Live in a Watershed:** Review of global and local water resources, and learn to best manage your property to positively affect water quality.

**Woodland and Wildlife:** Information to best care for your trees and woodlots. Invasive weeds, pollinators and wildlife habitats.

**Home-Grown Fruits & Vegetables:** Successful vegetable and fruit production for home use or sale. Managing fruit trees, bushes and vines. Explore options for selling produce from your farm.

**Animal Care and Management:** Animal husbandry; manure management; pasture management; legal, including zoning and permitting; Labor and costs of livestock ownership; Emphasis on poultry, sheep & goats, and beef cattle.

**Tour and Goals:** Visit a small farm business to get ideas and inspiration from an enterprise in practice. Final questions and review.

**NOTE:** Topics are subject to change based on the needs of the participants.

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Living on the Land will provide you with a solid background in all aspects of land management. The basic agricultural information will help you be a good steward of your land and prepare you for more advanced learning opportunities.

The eight-week course, offered by University of Minnesota Extension, begins with goal setting and individual property inventory, then addresses soil, plant, livestock, and water basics. You’ll also have plenty of time for networking and questions.

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**LIVING ON THE LAND**

**2016 REGISTRATION FORM**

**REGISTRATION FEE:**
$199 for the course (covers two people from one farm)

**LATE FEE:**
An additional $10 will be charged for registrations after Feb 22nd for Rogers location and March 14th for New Prague location

Price includes the following:
- Registration for up to two people per farm
- Web Access to all resources and course material
- Soil sample kits and instructions
- Farm tour
- Nightly meals
- Networking with peers and experts

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All classes are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Choose between the following two nights/locations:

Wednesday nights, February 24 – April 13 in Rogers

Tuesday nights, March 15 – May 3 in New Prague

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

http://z.umn.edu/2016lotl

For registration assistance, please contact one of the Extension Educators listed on this brochure.

**NOTE:** The Living on the Land course requires a minimum of eight registrants to proceed and may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Visit the UMN Small Farms website for additional resources and course details:

www.extension.umn.edu/smallfarms