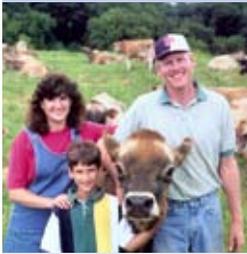


Beginning Farmer Programs

at the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, University of Wisconsin-Madison



Apples

Midwest School for Beginning Apple Growers
Three-day workshop, offered each year in March

Dairy & Livestock

Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers
16-week seminar offered every year from November to March

Flowers

Wisconsin Cut Flower Growers School
Two-day workshop, offered each year in February

Organic grain

The Organic Grain Resource and Information Network (OGRAIN)
Seminar, offered every January

Urban farming

School for Urban Agriculture
16-week seminar offered from November to March

Vegetables

Wisconsin School for Beginning Market Growers
Three-day workshop offered every January



These workshops will help with questions such as:

- How much income can be earned raising dairy or other livestock on grass?
How much can I make growing organic vegetables, flowers, apples or grain?
- How much labor and capital investment is involved in these enterprises, including financial considerations during a transition to certified organic production?
- What market options do I have and how do I best access them and maximize their potential?
- At what scale do I need to farm to earn a livelihood and what will be my quality of life?

The Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems has been running intensive workshops for beginning farmers since 1995. Our schools, taught by experienced farmers, are packed with practical, how-to information, insights, inspiration, and a dose of the sometimes harsh realities involved in making a living from the land. These schools afford you the unique opportunity to spend concentrated time with grower instructors and a group of aspiring beginning farmers, learning what it takes to start and operate a small farm business.



The dairy and livestock seminar emphasizes grass-based dairy and livestock production practices and direct marketing. Students often attend conferences and take part in summer internships. For more information on the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers, visit wsbdf.wisc.edu or contact Nadia Alber at 608.265.6437, nalber@wisc.edu.

The vegetable, fruit and flower schools emphasize organic and sustainable production practices and direct marketing. For information on these workshops, visit www.cias.wisc.edu and click on "Training" or contact John Hendrickson at 608.265.3704, jhendric@wisc.edu.



The OGRAIN seminar focuses on successfully and sustainably growing and marketing organic grain (corn, soybeans, and small grains, both food and feed-grade). Participants will learn from over a dozen farmers, researchers, and educators. Other programming includes field walks, an online learning library and an organic grain listserv. For more information on OGRAIN, visit <https://ograin.triforce.cals.wisc.edu>.

The urban agriculture school introduces urban and peri-urban farming including land, production, harvesting, processing, marketing, business planning, leadership development and policy, with an emphasis on food justice and social equity goals. For more information, contact Pam Porter at pporter@wisc.edu.



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