

# Resources for Aspiring Farmers

Education, Training & Employment Opportunities  
in Sustainable Agriculture



## Sustainable Agriculture in Higher Education:

The USDA maintains a nationwide database of university-based educational and training opportunities in sustainable agriculture. Search the database at:

[www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/edtr/EDTR2009.shtml](http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/edtr/EDTR2009.shtml)

## UNH Academic Programs

### UNH College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA)

Undergraduate and graduate programs  
[www.colsa.unh.edu](http://www.colsa.unh.edu)

### UNH Thompson School of Applied Science

2-year degree programs in Applied Animal Science & Horticulture Technology  
[www.thompsonschool.unh.edu](http://www.thompsonschool.unh.edu)

### UNH Dual Major in EcoGastronomy

[www.unh.edu/ecogastronomy](http://www.unh.edu/ecogastronomy)



## Farming Internships & Apprenticeships

**ATTRA - Sustainable Farming Internships & Apprenticeships.** A directory of on-the-job learning opportunities in sustainable and organic agriculture in the U.S. and Canada. <http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/internships/>

**MOFGA Farm Apprenticeship Program** connects people wanting to learn organic farming with experienced farmers willing to share their expertise. Opportunities are available on more than 80 farms throughout Maine.  
[www.mofga.org/Programs/FarmApprenticeships/tabid/502/Default.aspx](http://www.mofga.org/Programs/FarmApprenticeships/tabid/502/Default.aspx)

**NOFA-VT Apprentice & Willing Worker Program** helps to connect farms and individuals interested in working on a farm. Search their online directory of work opportunities in Vermont. [nofavt.org/programs/apprentice-willing-worker](http://nofavt.org/programs/apprentice-willing-worker)

**Northeast Workers on Organic Farms (NEWOOF)** is a regional farm apprenticeship placement service, sponsored by the New England Small Farm Institute.  
[www.smallfarm.org/main/for\\_new\\_farmers/north\\_east\\_workers\\_on\\_organic\\_farms/](http://www.smallfarm.org/main/for_new_farmers/north_east_workers_on_organic_farms/)

**UNH Horticulture Internships.** For information, contact [cathy.neal@unh.edu](mailto:cathy.neal@unh.edu)

**World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)** is a network that links people who want to volunteer on organic farms with farmers who are looking for volunteer help. [www.woof.org](http://www.woof.org)



Other places to look for agricultural job announcements:

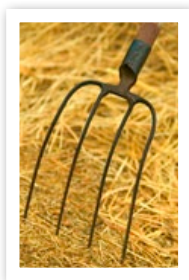
- **Backdoor Jobs**, [www.backdoorjobs.com/farming.html](http://www.backdoorjobs.com/farming.html)
- **The Greenhorns Blog**, [thegreenhorns.wordpress.com](http://thegreenhorns.wordpress.com)
- **NOFA Interstate Farmer to Farmer Exchange**, [www.nofa.org/exchange](http://www.nofa.org/exchange)
- **Northeast Farm & Food Network**, [www.nefood.org](http://www.nefood.org) Join the NEFOOD listserv!
- **Sustainable Food Jobs**, [sustainablefoodjobs.wordpress.com/](http://sustainablefoodjobs.wordpress.com/)

[www.sustainableunh.unh.edu](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu)  
[discoversustainability.org](http://discoversustainability.org)



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## Practical Farmer Training Programs



**Angelic Organics Learning Center - Farming Training**  
(IL) [www.learn-grow-connect.org/farmer](http://www.learn-grow-connect.org/farmer)

**Farm Life Ecology: A Summer Field and Table Intensive at Green Mountain College** (VT)  
[www.greenmtn.edu/farm\\_intensive.aspx](http://www.greenmtn.edu/farm_intensive.aspx)

**The Farm School - Practical Farm Training Program at Maggie's Farm** (Athol, MA) [www.farmschool.org/prog\\_practicalfarm.html](http://www.farmschool.org/prog_practicalfarm.html)

**MOFGA Journeyperson Farm Training Program** (Unity, ME)  
[www.mofga.org/Programs/Journeypersons/tabid/228/Default.aspx](http://www.mofga.org/Programs/Journeypersons/tabid/228/Default.aspx)

**New Entry Sustainable Farming Project** (Lowell, MA)  
[www.nesfp.org](http://www.nesfp.org)

**Organic Growers School** (NC) [www.organicgrowersschool.org](http://www.organicgrowersschool.org)

**UC Santa Cruz Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture** (CA)  
[casfs.ucsc.edu/training/index.html](http://casfs.ucsc.edu/training/index.html)

**UVM Summer University at the Horticulture Farm and Farmward Bound: Preparation for Farm Operation Leadership** (VT)  
[www.learn.uvm.edu/igs/food\\_systems](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/igs/food_systems)

## Resources for New Farmers

**Great Bay Agricultural Resources Network (G-BARN)**  
[gbarn.pbworks.com/](http://gbarn.pbworks.com/)

**The Greenhorns Guide for Beginning Farmers** [www.thegreenhorns.net/reading.html](http://www.thegreenhorns.net/reading.html)

**Land for Good**  
[www.landforgood.org/](http://www.landforgood.org/)

**National Young Farmers Coalition**  
[www.youngfarmers.org](http://www.youngfarmers.org)

**New England Landlink**  
[www.smallfarm.org/main/for\\_new\\_farmers/new\\_england\\_landlink/](http://www.smallfarm.org/main/for_new_farmers/new_england_landlink/)

**New England Small Farm Institute**  
[www.smallfarm.org](http://www.smallfarm.org)

**Young Farmers Conference at Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture** (Pocantico Hills, NY)  
[www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org)

## Additional Educational Resources for Farmers & Gardeners

NH	D Acres Organic Farm & Educational Homestead (Dorchester, NH)	<a href="http://www.dacres.org">www.dacres.org</a>
NH	New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference (Manchester, NH)	<a href="http://www.newenglandvfc.org">www.newenglandvfc.org</a>
NH	NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food	<a href="http://www.agriculture.nh.gov">www.agriculture.nh.gov</a>
NH	NH Farm & Forest Expo (Manchester, NH)	<a href="http://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org">www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org</a>
NH	NH Master Gardener Program	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/agric/agmastgd.htm">extension.unh.edu/agric/agmastgd.htm</a>
NH	Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)-NH	<a href="http://www.nofanh.org">www.nofanh.org</a>
NH	UNH Cooperative Extension	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/events/">extension.unh.edu/events/</a>
NH	UNH Food & Society Initiative, University Office of Sustainability	<a href="http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/fas">www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/fas</a>
NH	Yellow House Farm Chicken School (Barrington, NH)	<a href="http://www.yellowhousefarmnh.com">www.yellowhousefarmnh.com</a>
MA	New Entry Sustainable Farming Project - Livestock Field Schools	<a href="http://nesfp.nutrition.tufts.edu/resources/">nesfp.nutrition.tufts.edu/resources/</a>
MA	NOFA Annual Summer Conference (Amherst, MA) <i>NOFA Chapters in each state also offer conferences &amp; workshops</i>	<a href="http://www.nofa.org">www.nofa.org</a>
ME	MOFGA Common Ground Fair (Unity, ME) MOFGA Farming Training Project Workshops (various ME locations)	<a href="http://www.mofga.org">www.mofga.org</a>
VT	Fair Winds Farm Draft Horse Workshops (Brattleboro, VT)	<a href="http://www.fairwindsfarm.com">www.fairwindsfarm.com</a>