

# Piedmont Farm School 2012



*Training farmers to  
operate successful  
small-scale,  
sustainable  
farms.*



## 2012 PIEDMONT FARM SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What area of farming are you most interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type:      One person: \$150      Two people: \$200      Families of three or more: \$250

Cash            Add \$25 if registering after December 16. Final registration deadline is January 20.

Check            Return registration with payment to:

Make checks payable to Davidson County Horticulture.      301 E. Center St. Lexington, NC 27292

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creed, national origin, religion, sex, age,  
veteran status or disability. In addition, the  
two Universities welcome all persons  
without regard to sexual orientation.

For accommodations for persons with  
disabilities or limited English proficiency,  
contact Leslie Vinesett at 336-242-2085  
(phone), 336-249-7300 (fax),  
leslie\_vinesett@ncsu.edu, or in person, no  
later than five business days before the  
event.

### *What is the Piedmont Farm School?*

The Piedmont Farm School is a 7-month educational program that trains beginning and transitioning farmers with a strong commitment to operate successful small-scale, sustainable farms.

The school offers seven business-planning seminars, which will give farmers the tools to create a viable business plan for a small-scale, economically sustainable farm enterprise. The school also includes seven field trips at different working farms led by innovative experienced farmers and agricultural professionals.

The scope of what participants learn will include:

- Low-cost sustainable farming methods
- Business planning and development
- Financial management
- Effective marketing strategies

Go to the Events page at <http://davidson.ces.ncsu.edu> or call 336-242-2085 for registration materials or more information.



## Piedmont Farm School 2012 Schedule

### February

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - *Whole farm planning*  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Whole farm planning  
Peregrine Farm, Graham

### March

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – *Farm planning*  
Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Livestock basics  
(beef, pork)  
Rockin' B Farms, Staley  
Mike Moss' Farm, Ramseur

### April

Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> - *Financial record keeping*  
Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Livestock basics  
(dairy and meat goat, poultry)  
Wild Turkey Farm, China Grove  
Dynasty Meat Goat Farm, Albemarle

### May

May 8<sup>th</sup> - *Farm history and current situation – What have you got?*  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – Fruits  
Kildee Farm, Ramseur  
Millstone Creek Orchards, Ramseur

### June

June 12<sup>th</sup> – *Marketing fundamentals*  
June 21<sup>st</sup> – Vegetables  
Piedmont Research Station, Salisbury  
Correll Farms, Cleveland

### September

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - *Your business planning*  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Specialty crops  
NCA&T Small Farms Teaching Unit,  
Greensboro  
Bettini Farm, Browns Summit

### October

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - *Student review*  
Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Agritourism, marketing  
Sanders Ridge, Booneville

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All business-planning seminars will be held from 6 to 9 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at:  
Davidson County Extension Office  
301 E. Center St.  
Lexington, NC 27292