

## Next Steps and Resources for Beginning Farmers

**\*\* Best resource for all resources (land linking forum, job postings, and resource listings):**

<http://oregonfarmlink.org>

Continuing Education:

- OSU Extension/Small Farms program – including Growing Farms class series
- Conferences – EcoFarm, OSU Small Farms, Organicology, WA Tilth, Women in Sustainable Ag, Quivira Coalition Conference, Organic Seed Alliance
- Degree/certificate programs – land grant & other colleges/universities:  
<http://sustainableaged.org/projects/degree-programs/>
- Clackamas Community College Organic Farming certificate (~1 year program)
- Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture – Northern California
- Get to know your farming community, especially the old timers
- Pursue jobs on farms that you admire and want to learn more from
- Look for local workshops put on by SWCDs, Community Gardens programs, extension programs, etc.

Apprenticeships:

- RFC Apprenticeship – advanced program: <http://www.roguefarmcorps.org/farms-now>
- Quivira Coalition - livestock focus – southwest US:  
[http://quiviracoalition.org/New\\_Agrarian\\_Program/index.html](http://quiviracoalition.org/New_Agrarian_Program/index.html)
- Maine Organic Farm & Garden Association – journeyman program: <http://www.mofga.org/>
- Wisconsin Dairy Grazing Apprenticeships: <https://www.dga-national.org/>
- And many more!!!

Farm & Food Job Listings:

- Oregon FarmLink: <http://oregonfarmlink.org/>
- Goodfoodjobs - national job listings – food system, farming: <http://www.goodfoodjobs.com/>
- Comfoodjobs – national job listings – food system, farming, etc.:  
<https://elist.tufts.edu/wws/subscribe/comfoodjobs>
- Sustainable Agriculture Jobs List – EcoFarm – national (<http://sustainableaged.org/resources/job-listings/>)
- Farm and Food Jobs – national blog/email updates: <https://farmandfoodjobs.com/>
- Oregon Farm to School Network listserv: <https://npogroups.org/lists/info/ofssgn>
- Sustainable Agriculture Jobs, Internships, Apprenticeships Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SustainableAgJobs>

Forums/Community:

- FarmON (OR) – Friends of Family Farmers' next generation farmer community forum & Facebook page: <http://www.friendsoffamilyfarmers.org/next-generation/farm-on/>
- Comfood – National Community Food Systems forum: <https://elist.tufts.edu/wws/subscribe/comfood>
- Sustainable Agriculture Education Association forum: <http://sustainableaged.org/get-involved-saea/listserv/>
- National Young Farmers Coalition has local chapters in many places

#### Podcasts:

- Farmer to Farmer: <http://www.farmertofarmerpodcast.com>
- Permaculture Voices: <http://www.permaculturevoices.com/blog-2/podcast-2/>
- The Delicious Revolution: <http://deliciousrevolutionshow.com>

#### Incubator Farms:

- Headwaters Incubator Farm outside of Portland
- Map of Incubator Farm Projects: <http://nesfp.org/food-systems/national-incubator-farmtraining-initiative/national-incubator-map>

#### Land Access:

- OregonFarmLink.org (from Friends of Family Farmers) – land linking tool
- Agrarian Trust – stories of many creative strategies for land access
- American Farmland Trust – policy, zoning, easements, general info
- Greenhorns – A Landowner's Guide to Leasing Land for Farming (includes checklist): [http://www.thegreenhorns.net/wp-content/files\\_mf/1344531550landaccess.pdf](http://www.thegreenhorns.net/wp-content/files_mf/1344531550landaccess.pdf)
- California FarmLink – cash lease and fact sheets: <http://www.californiafarmlink.org/resource-library>

#### Capital/Financing:

- Aggie Bonds (OR) – lower loan interest rates for agricultural purchases
- NRCS – grants & cost-sharing for high tunnels, conservation, fertility management, etc.
- Crowd funding like KIVA Zip, Barnraiser (food/ag), Kickstarter, Gofundme, Indiegogo
- Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) Initiative: <https://oregonidainitiative.org/apply/>