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
● 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
● The Delicious Revolution: http://deliciousrevolutionshow.com

Incubator Farms:
● Headwaters Incubator Farm outside of Portland

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
● 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/