

2016

WORKSHOPS FOR FARM BUSINESSES



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All sessions are FREE, but registration is required.

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Farm Businesses constantly have new challenges as weather and regulations change. We are providing year-round training opportunities to increase knowledge in production systems, as well as marketing strategies, record-keeping and organic production.

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation is a co-sponsor of these workshops along with SC Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association, Ag South, SC FFA, and the Farm Bureau Insurance.





Farm Business Workshops 2016

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Training Schedule:

January 14th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Pasture Management - Gary Coleman

Are weeds taking over your pastures? Do you know about rotational grazing? Learn how some ways to manage and improve the quality of your pastures.

January 21st - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Farm to School - Amanda Morgan

Do you want to know about the Farm-to-School program? Learn how Farm to School functions regionally and unique ways to connect with the local food system.

February 18th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Master Gardener (Soil Sciences)

Mark Arena

Are you thinking of growing food? This workshop is for knowing, understanding and implementing the key fundamentals of gardening will lead to success Home Vegetable Gardening.

March 17th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Pest, Disease and Weeds - Cory Tanner

Come learn more about weed management for your garden and lawn. Improve the quality of your orchard by understanding what is important.

April 14th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Farmers' Market Strategies

Rhonda Matthews

Do you want to learn how to improve your sales at Farmers' Markets? New marketing opportunities will be addressed.

May 12th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Back Yard Poultry - Dr. Mickey Hall

Learn how to raise a successful backyard flock with sound animal care and management.

August 18th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sustainable Small Farming

Millie Davenport

Are you interested in learning the basics of how to have a small farm in your own back yard? This is the workshop you will learn how to grow your own fruits and vegetables, and raise goats and pigs.

September 15th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Drip Irrigation - Bryan Smith

Drip irrigation is also known as low-flow, micro, and trickle irrigation. Come to this workshop to learn how to save water due to less loss to runoff or evaporation.

October 13th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

How to Grow Organic Crops - Stephen Nix

Are you thinking of growing organic food? *Organic farming* is a form of agriculture that relies on techniques such as crop rotation, green manure, compost, and biological pest control. Come learn more about it.

November 10th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Farm Financial Recordkeeping - Will Ferreira

Financial analysis is important for business to know where they stand and to create a plan of action. Learn how to gain confidence in understanding your own accounting data and be able to plan your farm business actions.

December 8th at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Farm Production Costs - Will Ferreira

Do you know how to calculate the cost and returns of a farm business operation? Learn how to create and analyze your own farm enterprise, and to perform production and financial feasibility analysis.

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