



## Growing Agripreneurs

is designed for beginning farmers interested in gaining theoretical and practical knowledge through classes, skills building sessions and one-on-one mentoring.

Over the course of a season, students will be exposed to all aspects of sustainable, small-scale farming including production of annuals, perennials, grains and cover crop. Participants will gain extensive field experience at OSU Extension's Franklin Teaching Farm, as well as visit other farming operations. Classroom sessions will cover a wide range of in-depth topics including cover-cropping, irrigation, compost and pest management.

Individuals interested in pursuing a farming career will have the opportunity to experience a full farming season and receive direct consultation on their own projects.

### Scholarship Application:

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/sites/default/files/scholarship\\_application\\_for\\_osu\\_small\\_farms\\_0.pdf](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/sites/default/files/scholarship_application_for_osu_small_farms_0.pdf)



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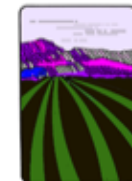
# OSU Extension Small Farms Program *presents*



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### Southern Oregon Farmer Incubator

Located at the OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center on Hanley Road



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## **GROWING AGRIpreneurs** Southern Oregon Farmer Incubator Program

### **1. Classes**

Twelve classes will be held between April and October on various aspects of small-scale production. Classes will cover both theoretical and practical information taught by OSU faculty, experienced farmers and professionals. Some classes will be taught at the Extension and others will take place on host farms around the Rogue Valley. Classes are held on Thursday evenings and Sunday days.

### **2. Field Work**

On weeks when classes are not held, participants will work alongside a mentor at OSU's Franklin Teaching Plot for a minimum of three hours per week. Activities will be seasonally dependent and will include all aspects of specialty crop farming including seeding, transplanting, cultivation and harvesting. Field walks will be conducted to help participants develop critical observation skills. Skill building workshops will also be held during these hours on relevant topics such as making propagation media, installing drip tape and trellising. Field work hours will be determined based on the participants' schedules. Produce harvested from the Teaching Farm will primarily be donated to local food pantries.

### **3. Marketing**

Students will have some opportunities to sell at a local farmer's market. Students will participate in market harvesting, packing, booth display and sales.

This program was made possible by a grant through the Oregon Department of Agriculture. All classes held in partnership with Rogue Farm Corp.

## **Curriculum**

(Subject to Change)

### **Basic Horticulture**

April 9, 2015; 6-9PM; Research Library

### **Greenhouse Management**

### **Soil Fertility**

### **Irrigation**

### **Entomology & Farmscaping**

### **Compost & Weeds**

### **Orcharding**

### **Tractors & Equipment**

### **Post-Harvest Handling**

### **Seed Saving**

### **Winter Farming & Cover Cropping**

### **Business 101**

**Total Program Cost: \$350**  
**(\$600 couples or farm partners discount)**

**Cancellation Policy** We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment. Generally, the decision to cancel will be made two working days in advance of the class. Every effort will be made to contact registrants by phone to advise them of the cancellation. Please be prepared to leave a message phone number when you sign up. Any advance payments will be refunded in full.

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**For more information visit**  
**<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/farms>**

## **Apply Now!**

**Applications due March 31**

**Send to Maud Powell, OSU Ext. Small Farms**  
**569 Hanley Road, Central Point OR**

Name:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Years of agricultural experience:

Please describe your farming experience.  
If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper.

Small Farms staff will select 10 participants for the 2015 season. One year of prior experience is suggested for participation in the program.