Growing Agripreneurs

is designed for beginning farmers interested in gaining theoretical and practical knowledge through classes, skill-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. Participants will gain extensive field experience at the OSU Extension Franklin Teaching Farm growing annuals, seed crops and cover crops. Through an exciting series of classes, students are offered an opportunity to learn from many teachers. Participants will tour many of the most beautiful and successful small farms in our region, gaining invaluable inspiration and learning lessons from the farmers themselves. Veterans interested in pursuing a farming career will have the opportunity to experience a full farming season and receive direct consultation on their own projects.

For more information, visit the webpage: https://growingagripreneurs.com/
or contact the Small Farms office at 
541-776-7371, ext. 215 
paula.burkhalter@oregonstate.edu

This spring become a Veteran Agripreneur! Apply early! 
Class limited to 10 students

Applications due 
March 23, 2020

For more information contact 
Sebastian Aguilar 
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28 classes from April 2 through October 15
24 hours of classroom instruction; Thursday 5:30-8:30 pm
54 hours of in-field practicum
5 local field trips

Growing Veteran Agripreneurs

OSU Extension
Small Farms
2020 Beginning Farmer Training Program Begins April 2

Located at the OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center Teaching Farm at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point

SOREC: 569 Hanley Rd. Central Point, OR 97502 
For more information Contact Sebastian Aguilar chickadeefarmer@gmail.com
TOPICS COVERED
Overview of Business of Farming
Farm Business Planning
Overview of Farming Production
Propagation
Soil Management
Weed Control
Irrigating
Harvesting and Post-harvest Handling
Tools and Equipment
Pest and Disease Control
Irrigation design
Marketing
Finances
Food Processing

3. Farm Tours
Students will tour a number of working small farms in the Rogue Valley and learn from our community’s most experienced and successful farmers.

For more information visit http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec

Total Program Cost: $50
Scholarships Available

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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1. Classes
Fifteen presentations are held between April and October on starting a farm business and various aspects of small-scale food production. Classes cover both theoretical and practical information taught by OSU faculty, experienced farmers and agricultural professionals. Classes are taught on Thursday evenings at OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (SOREC). 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97502

2. Field Work
Participants work alongside the farm manager at OSU Extension’s Franklin Teaching Farm for two to three hours per week. Activities cover all phases of a farming season including cultivation, direct seeding, transplanting & harvesting. Students gain experience in a variety of tasks, such as using a seeder, installing drip tape, trellising tomatoes, and more, in skill building workshops and hands-on practice.

Field work hours differ each year as they are determined by participants’ schedules. Produce harvested from the Teaching Farm will be mostly enjoyed by the participants and donated to local organizations.