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**2017 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development  
Program  
Project Director's Meeting**

**Monday - September 25, 2016**

**Travel Day**

**2:00 – 5:00 pm**                      Registration                                      Prefunction South

**Tuesday - September 26, 2017**

**8:00 Registration Continued**

**7:00 – 8:00 am**                      Breakfast                                      Wine Bar room

**8:00 – 9:30**                              Introduction                                      Grand Ballroom

Dr. Reddy, Dr. Lighari – Greetings from Tennessee  
Dr. Bullock and Darlene Gunther, TSU  
Denis Ebodaghe, Wesley Dean and Desiree Rucker, USDA

**9:30 – 9:40**                              Break    **Tables arranged by topic interest**

**9:40 – 11:00**

<b>Gulch</b>	<b>12 South</b>	<b>SoBro</b>
<b><i>Veteran Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Native American Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Minority Farmers</i></b>
Armed to Farm: Soldiering the Success of Military Veterans in New Poultry, Livestock and Agroforestry - <b><i>Dan Donoghue</i></b>	Education, Outreach, and Training to Alaska Native beginning Farmers and Ranchers - <b><i>Christy Cincotta</i></b>	Developing New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Using the Model Farm Concept - <b><i>Billy Lawton</i></b>
Enhancing Veterans Farm Fellows Program - <b><i>Adam Burke</i></b>	Growing and Management Skills of Native Americans and Limited-Resource Beginning Farmers in the Southwest - <b><i>Russel Tronstad</i></b>	Developing the Next Generation of Sustainable Farmers in Georgia: A Comprehensive Training Program - <b><i>Julia Gaskin</i></b>
Strategic Investments to Ensure Long-Term Success of Veteran-owned and Advance Beginning Farmers - <b><i>Anusuya Rangarajan</i></b>	Healthy Food, Healthy Communities: A collaborative Approach to Producer Education on Native American Reservations - <b><i>Jason Schoch</i></b>	Groundswell Center's New Farmer Training Programs for limited resource farmers, refugees and farming for justice pilot efforts - <b><i>Elizabeth Gabriel</i></b>

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- <b><i>Will Allen</i></b>	- <b><i>Kirk Hansen</i></b>	- <b><i>Shawn Burke</i></b>
- <b><i>RVS previous interactive</i></b>	-	- <b><i>RVS new interactive</i></b>

11:00 – 11:10 Break

11:10 – 12:30

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<b><i>Urban &amp; Organic Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Immigrant &amp; Refugee Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Limited-Resource Farmers</i></b>
Organic Farming Program - <b><i>Jeff Moyer</i></b>	Educational Tools and Methods for Beginning Refugee and Immigrant Farmers - <b><i>Hugh Joseph</i></b>	Addressing the Training Needs of Hispanic and Limited Resource Beginning Farmers in Nebraska - <b><i>Ingrid Kirst</i></b>
Sustainable Farms for Urban Markets - <b><i>Bao Vang</i></b>	Global Garden Farm Chicago: Preparing Displaced Refugee Farmers for Vegetable Production in the Midwest - <b><i>Linda Seyler</i></b>	Nevada Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program - <b><i>Staci Emm</i></b>
Recirculating Farms Coalition: Growing Local – Training New and Beginning Sustainable Urban Farmers in New Orleans, Louisiana - <b><i>Marianne Cufone</i></b>	Farm Works: Supporting beginning, limited resource farmers, including immigrants and Refugees in the Puget Sound - <b><i>Andrea Dwyer</i></b>	Growing Roots: Deepening Support for Diverse New Farmers and Ranchers in California - <b><i>Jennifer Sowerwine</i></b>
- <b><i>Kimberly Niewolny</i></b>	Access to Land for New England’s Beginning Farmers: Phase 2 - <b><i>Kathy Ruhf</i></b>	

12:30 – 2:00 Working Lunch ***Craig Lapine – Cultivating Community*** / ***Esther Lin?***

Wine Bar room

2:00 – 3:30

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<b><i>Mentoring, Apprenticeships, and Internships</i></b>	<b><i>Farm Success Building</i></b>	<b><i>Development Tools</i></b>
Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship: A National Program for Training New Dairy Farmers - <b><i>Joseph Tomandi</i></b>	Infrastructure, Access, and Community: A Plan to Support Beginning Farmers in Indiana - <b><i>Kevin Gibson</i></b>	Michigan’s Emerging Farmers Strategies and Tools to Enhance Success - <b><i>Michael Hamm</i></b>
Growing Farmers Initiative: Equipping Beginning Farmers to Create Economically and Ecologically Resilient Farm Enterprises in New York and Beyond - <b><i>Sara Elliott</i></b>	Building On-Farm Success: Resources and Training for Montana’s Beginning Farmers and Ranchers - <b><i>Annie Heuscher</i></b>	Growing Together: Building the Capacity and Skills of Low-Resource Beginning Farmers and Agricultural Service Providers in Maine - <b><i>Craig Lapine</i></b>
Training, Developing, and Mentoring Beginning Organic and Conventional Dairy and Feed Producers - <b><i>David Reed</i></b>	Successfully Navigating the First 10 Years: Education Targeting Farm Development Stages to Achieve Profitability and Environmental Sustainability - <b><i>Garry Stephenson</i></b>	University of Hawaii’s GoFarm Hawaii: A regional New Farmer Development Initiative - <b><i>Steven Chiang</i></b>
<b><i>Veteran Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Native American Farmers</i></b>	<b><i>Minority and Limited -Resource Farmers</i></b>
Supportive, Small Scale, Basic Livestock, Financial Skills and Risk Management Training for Beginning Veteran Farmers Program - <b><i>Michael O’Gorman</i></b>	Generation Indigenous Food: Preparing Beginning Farmers and Ranchers for Success and Resiliency - <b><i>Janie Hipp</i></b>	Farming For Cash: A Continuing Training Program for Veteran, Socially-Disadvantaged, and Limited-Resource Beginning Farmers - <b><i>Siddhartha Dasgupta</i></b>
Arcadia’s Veteran Farmer Program - <b><i>Matt Mulder (2 awards)</i></b>	Hmong Agricultural Sustainability Training and Education (HASTE) - <b><i>Hli Xyooj</i></b>	Tuskegee University Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program - <b><i>Robert Zabawa</i></b>

3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 5:00

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<b>Urban and Organic Farmers</b>	<b>Immigrant and Refugee Farmers</b>	<b>Women and Minority Farmers</b>
Advancing Next Generation Urban Farmers: Experiential Education, Mentoring and Employment  - <b>Gavin Raders</b>	Farmer-To-Farmer Mentoring for Beginning, Immigrant, and Refugee Farmers in Crop Production and Marketing Using the Existing Thirty Year Old  - <b>Maria Moriera</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Management: Enhancing Educational Programming for Beginning Women Farmers  - <b>Mary Peabody</b>
Classroom and Field-Based Training to Assist Beginning Farmer’s Entry into Organic Seed Production  - <b>Micaela Colley</b>	Enhancing the Sustainability and Viability of Beginning Farmers and Ranchers through Training Exercises, Mentoring and Outreach Programs  - <b>Frank Taylor (15 min)</b>	Appalachian Beginning Forest Farmer Program: Growing Opportunities Beneath the Canopy  - <b>John Munsell</b>
New Organic Stewards: Expanding Community, Resources and Financial Knowledge  - <b>Jody Padgham</b>	Roads to Successful Farm Succession  - <b>John Lawrence</b>	Delta Farming Start  - <b>Donald Green</b>
Organic Grain Resources and Information Network (OGRAIN): Supporting Beginning and Organic Grain Growers in the Upper Midwest  - <b>Erin Silva</b>	Farmland for the Next Generation: Training the Trainers to Help Beginners Secure Land and Succeed in Agriculture  - <b>Julia FreedGood</b>	South-West Texas StrikeForce Initiative for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers  - <b>George Bennack</b>
Windy City Harvest: Training Beginner Farmers for Chicago’s Urban Agriculture Community  - <b>Angela Mason</b>	Southwest Badger  - <b>Wendy Warren</b>	Ultra-Niche Crops for the Progressive, New Farmer  - <b>Jenny Carleo</b>

5:00 – 6:00

Dinner on Your Own

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Reception/Poster session      Wine Bar room

**Wednesday – September 27, 2017**

**8:00 – 9:30**

Breakfast Panel: **Kevin Klair and Julie Obunzski**

Wine Bar room

**9:30 – 10:30**

Gulch	12 South	SoBro
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Minority and Limited - Resource Farmers</b>	<b>Organic and Urban Farmers</b>
Building Farm Foundations and Planning for Success: Beginning Farmer Training for Military Veterans in the Intermountain West - <b>Tammy Howard</b>	Growing Sustainable Farms: Training and Resources for Beginning Socially-Disadvantaged Farmers - <b>Hilary Otey Wold</b>	Farm School NYC 2016-2019 : Enhancing Educational Experiences, Resources, and Support for Beginning Urban Farmers - <b>Onika Abraham</b>
Building Farm Foundations and Planning for Success: Beginning Farmer Training for Military Veterans in the Northeast US - <b>Margo Hale</b>	New Roots for Refugees - <b>Meredith Walafen</b>	Food Sovereignty: Growing Urban Farmers and Farms - <b>Margaret Morgan</b>
	Farmer Education and Enterprise Development (FFED) for Beginning, Socially-Disadvantaged (BSD) Farmers in the Salinas Valley - <b>Christopher Brown</b>	Growing Good Farmers, Growing Good Food: A Comprehensive Training Program for Ohio's Organic and Sustainable Beginning Farmers - <b>Carol Goland</b>
	120 Committed Beginning Farmers and Ranchers - <b>Calvin King</b>	Facilitating Success for beginning Farmers and Ranchers in Washington's remote Island Communities - <b>Sebastian Aguilar</b>
	Global Gardens New Farmer Training Project - <b>Katie Painter</b>	Farm Beginnings from Regional to National: Beginning Farmers and Viable Farms Initiative - <b>Amy Bacigalupo</b>
	Initiating the Paso Del Norte Immigrant Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Network - <b>Rigberto Delgado</b>	Global Gardens New Farmer Training Project - <b>Katie Hale</b>

**10:30 – 10:45**

Break

10:45 – 11:45

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<b><i>Specialized Farming Assistance</i></b>	<b><i>Mentorship and Apprenticeship</i></b>	
Laying the Groundwork: A Land Affordability Calculator and National Land Access Training Series to Help the Next Generation of Farmers Succeed - <b><i>Holly Rippon-Butler</i></b>	Wolf’s Neck Farm Dairy Farmer Apprenticeship Program - <b><i>David Herring</i></b>	-
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Training and Education to Facilitate Entry into Emerging Specialized Wholesale and Agritourist Markets for Beginning Producers in Remote Agricultural Southern Colorado - <b><i>Elizabeth O’Rear</i></b>	Skagit County Beginning Farmer Development Program - <b><i>Michael Frazier</i></b>	-
Feed Rhode Island: Growing Sustainable Farms - <b><i>Margaret DeVos</i></b>	Growing Self-Reliant Farmers - <b><i>Susan Willsrud</i></b>	-
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12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch (on bus)

1:00 – 5:00 pm Tours: bus 1, 2, or 3

5:00 Dinner on Your Own

**Thursday – September 28, 2017**

<b>8:00 am – 9:00</b>	Breakfast	Wine Bar Room
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	Parag Chitnis RVS – Kevin Klair and UMN Grand Ball Room	
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Break	
<b>10:15 – 11:30</b>	Round Tables EET/ topics of interest Facilitated by: Kevin Klair Craig Lapine Mary Peabody	Grand Ball Room
	Raffle during	
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	Meeting Close	Grand Ball Room