



## 2016 Growing Farmers Workshop Agenda

*Workshops are green, and optional events are in blue.  
 We encourage participants to attend the optional events, but they are not a part of this series.*

	Date	Topic	Description	Time
Workshop 1	January 23, 2016	Intros, Overview of classes	Class introductions and workshop series overview	9 – noon
		Seed starting station and chicken brooding station	Learn how to start seeds and how to get ready for a new flock	
		From dream to reality. What is your small farm dream? AND Business Planning 101	Participants have a chance to share what their small farm dream is and will learn business planning basics	1 – 4 pm
Other Event	January 29th and 30th, 2016	Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Conference OMAHA, NE <a href="http://nebsusag.org">nebsusag.org</a>		
Workshop 2	January 30, 2016	Wholesale Markets	Hear from area farmers about the different types of wholesale markets available to small scale farmers	9 – noon
		Farmers' markets and CSAs	Market Manager will share tips for farmers' market success, CSAs and their place in the market	1 – 4 pm
Workshop 3	February 6, 2016	Whole Farm Integrated Management	Common Good farmer Everett Lunquist presents on managing your farm for optimum soil fertility	9 – noon
			Common Good continued	1 – 4 pm
Workshop 4	February 13, 2015	Crop Planning	Learn how to plan for your season	9 - noon
		Direct Marketing	Learn about logos, farm names and how to direct market using social media from Alex McKiernan of Robinette Farms	1 - 3 pm
Workshop 5	February 20, 2016	Individual Assistance	Have questions about your business plan or crop plan? CROPS staff will take your individual questions.	9 – noon
		Old Cheney Road Farmers Market Annual Meeting	Required for all Prairie Pines Farmers who want to sell at farmers' markets including the Holiday Harvest Market	1 – 4 pm

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	Date	Topic	Description	Time
<b>Workshop 6</b>	<i>February 27, 2016</i>	Legal Options for Businesses	Learn about different legal structures for your business	9 – 12 pm
		Land Options and Risk Management	Learn about options for farmers looking for land, How to minimize risk with insurance options	1 – 3 pm
<b>Workshop 7</b>	<i>March 5, 2016</i>	Atina Diffley Presentation	A seasoned farmer visits Lincoln to share her wisdom and experiences	9 – noon
			Continued	1 – 4 pm
<b>Workshop 8</b>	<i>March 12, 2016</i>	Introduction to Cooperatives and importance of Peer networks	Hear about cooperatives and hear from Mainstreet Project. Group buying and ways to work together to increase markets while decreasing costs	9 – noon
			Main Street Continued	1 – 4 pm
<b>Workshop 9</b>	<i>March 19, 2016</i>	Season Extension Techniques	Prairie Pines Farm Manager Aaron French and Program Manager Matt Pirog share tips and tricks for increased production outside the normal growing season	9 – noon
		Farm Tour	Visit Prairie Pines for hands-on season extension demos	1 – 4 pm
<b>Workshop 10</b>	<i>April 2, 2016</i>	Important Daily Forms for Farmers	What forms do you need to conduct business professionally and efficiently	9 – noon
		Farm Tour	Fox Run Farm	1 – 4 pm
<b>Workshop 11</b>	<i>April 9, 2016</i>	Good Agricultural Practices (GAPS), FSMA and Prairie Pines Tour	Learn about the GAPS, how to safely farm to avoid food safety issues. We will also talk about the Food Safety Modernization Act and how it will change farming. Tour Prairie Pines and see their solution to GAP.	9 – noon
		Farm Tour	Darby Springs Farm	1 – 4 pm
<b>Workshop 12</b>	<i>5/3/2016</i>	Old Cheney Road Farmer's Market Opens	Meet at the market and tour together, learn how to continue the process and discuss opportunities	10 am - 2pm