

## 2018 Growing Farmers Core Skills Workshop Agenda

	Date	Time	Topics	Description	
<b>Workshop 1</b>	<i>February 17, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Greenhouse 101</b>	Managing Greenhouse environment and irrigation systems	9:00 - 10:00
			<b>Germination Chambers and Hot beds</b>	Get your plants started off in the right environment - learn to build a germ chamber on the cheap!	10:00 - 11:00
<b>Workshop 2</b>	<i>February 24, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Farm Business Management</b>	Recordkeeping, expense tracking, effective organizing	9 AM - 11 AM
				Bookkeeping and invoicing	11 AM - 1 PM
<b>Workshop 3</b>	<i>March 10, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Successional Crop Planning</b>	Crop Planning 101	9 AM - 10:30 AM
				Crop Planning Exercises	10:40 AM - 11:50 AM
				Software to help you plan	12:00 PM - 1 PM
<b>Workshop 4</b>	<i>March 24, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Market Identification Overview</b>		9 AM - 9:30
			<b>CSA Programs</b>	How to structure, plan, and market a CSA program on your farm	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
			<b>Wholesale Marketing</b>	Wholesale aggregator to share advice to succeed in wholesale markets	10:40 AM - 11:40 AM
			<b>Farmer's Market Success</b>	Farmers Market manager will share tips for success at the market	11:50 AM - 1:00 PM
<b>Workshop 5</b>	<i>April 21, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Managing soil health</b>	Overview, importance, soil food web and agroecology, soil testing	9 AM - 10:30 AM
				Who's in the soil?	10:40 am - 11:50 AM
				Using compost teas to enhance soil health	12:00 PM - 1 PM
<b>Workshop 6</b>	<i>May 19, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Irrigation Design</b>	Irrigation Principles	9 am - 9:40 AM
				Overhead irrigation design	9:50 AM - 10:30 AM
				Drip Irrigation System design activities	10:40 AM - 11:30 AM
				Drip irrigation installation - in-field demonstration	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
<b>Workshop 7</b>	<i>June 9, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Bug-Out at Prairie Pines!</b>	Working with insects on your farm	9 AM-11 AM
					11- 12 PM
				Bug Safari!	11:45 - 1:00 PM

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<b>Workshop 8</b>	<i>July 21, 2018</i>	8 AM - 12 PM	<b>Food Safety</b>	Assessing and mitigating food safety risks	8 AM - 10:15 AM
			<b>Postharvest handling</b>	In field demonstrations - how to appropriately handle produce after harvest	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>Workshop 9</b>	<i>September 1, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Season Extension and Overwintering</b>	Principles of season extension	9 AM - 11:30 AM
				In-field demonstrations	10:40 AM - 1 PM
<b>Workshop 10</b>	<i>October 6, 2018</i>	9 AM - 1 PM	<b>Farmer Skills Assessment</b>	Determine your next steps and future training	9 AM - 11 AM
			<b>Identifying your farm values</b>	The first step in creating a business plan	11 AM - 1 PM