Foothills Farm School Leaders

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Training farmers to operate successful, small-scale sustainable farms

Cost: 1 person - $250
$50 for each additional person (family)

Space is limited. Deadline to register is Friday, December 6.

Make checks payable to Caldwell County Extension.

Mail registration form and fee to Caldwell County Extension, Attn: Foothills Farm School, 120 Hospital Ave. NE Suite 1 Lenoir, NC 28645.
Foothills Farm School 2014 Schedule

**January**
- 7th – Introduction and goal setting
- 23rd – Whole farm planning field day

**February**
- 4th – Farm planning
- 27th – Dairy and livestock field day

**March**
- 4th – Financial record keeping
- 27th – Small fruit field day

**April**
- 1st – Marketing fundamentals
- 24th – Specialty crop field day

**May**
- 6th – Product to market – creative approaches to distribution
- 22nd – Vegetable production field day

**June**
- 3rd – Your business plan
- 26th – Orchard field day

All classroom sessions will be held from 6 to 8:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Catawba County Extension Office, 1175 S. Brady Ave. Newton, NC 28658.

Field days will run from approximately 9 am to 3 pm.

What is the Foothills Farm School?

The Foothills Farm School is a 6-month educational program that trains beginning and transitioning farmers with a strong commitment to operate successful small-scale, sustainable farms.

The school offers six classroom sessions, which will give farmers the tools to create a viable small-scale, economically sustainable farm enterprise. The school also includes six field days at different working farms led by innovative experienced farmers and agricultural professionals.

The scope of what participants learn will include:
- Low-cost, sustainable farming methods
- Business planning
- Financial management
- Effective marketing strategies

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