

*****NEW Fall 2016*****

RU Ready to Farm Program™

11:020:490 (1 Credit)

Agriculture and Food System Practicum



Module One: The Basics of Getting Started

16 hours of instruction

Class Instruction, Farm Tour & Demonstration

Course held at Rutgers Eco Complex, 1200 Florence Columbus Rd, Bordentown Township, NJ 08505, on:

1) Saturday, October 22, 8 am-5 pm, Instruction.

2) Wednesday, October, 26, 2016 from 6 to 9 pm, Instruction and demonstrations.

3) November 5, 2016, 8 am-1pm Farm tours (TDB). Meet at EcoComplex and then travel on your own to the farms (TBD). Dress for outdoor activity.

Topics Covered*:

- **Traditional and Organic Farming Opportunities in New Jersey**
- **Funding and land opportunities**
- **Organizations that provide support for beginner farmers**
- **Basic overview of farm business planning and recordkeeping**
- **Determining options for production of crops and raising animals**
- **Regulatory issues and important considerations for beginners**
- **Future training opportunities and on-farm training**
- **Visits to two successful small farms**
- **On-farm demonstration**

Registration and Information:

Contact Xenia Morin (xmorin@sebs.rutgers.edu) to obtain a special permission number to register for Agriculture and Food Systems Practicum 11:020:490, Section 2, Index 22229. No pre-requisites.

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