

Are you a **veteran** with an interest in **farming?**



Veteran Farmers Project

Empowering Returning Veterans,
Revitalizing Rural America

Learn from experts:

Workshops on land access, financing, crop insurance, production & marketing high value crops, and accessing additional resources

Farm Tours demonstrating production, marketing, and decisionmaking

Individual Consultations with professionals for financial, production advice

HelpLine for phone and email inquiries, resources, and support

Veterans' issues, farming support:

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Workshops

Nebraska:

- **August 17, 9:00 - 5:00 - North Platte Natural Resources District**, 100547 Airport Rd, Scottsbluff: Combination workshop and tours. In the morning, information on Nebraska and federal agency resources for beginning farmers. In the afternoon, Mitchell Valley Farm (organic practices, produce & small grains, CSA marketing) and Victory Hill Farm (goat dairy & cheesemaking, pork, chevon & eggs, marketing at farmstand and farmers' markets).

Workshops are free of charge, and lunch will be provided at no cost. Please register with state contact for the meal count.

Farm Tours

Farm tours in Kansas and Nebraska with established farmers will demonstrate successful systems and strategies. All tours will be handicap accessible and available free of charge.

Nebraska:

- **August 7- Madison/Pierce area:** Bluestem Farms morning (multi-market produce farm); Mike Krueger farm afternoon (commercial cattle and grain farm, AgrAbility client).
- **August 14- Milford area:** West Blue Farm morning (organic field grains, direct-market cattle & poultry, farm-transition to beginner); Del Ficke farm afternoon (commercial cattle and grain farm, farm partnership with sons, AgrAbility client).
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Kansas:

- **July 31- Edgerton/ Lawrence area:** Gieringer's Orchard (pick-your-own and farmers' market sales of fruit and vegetables), Soaring Eagle Organic farm (chickens and cattle, organic grains), Pendleton Country Market (vegetables, bedding plants & cut flowers sold at CSA and farmers' market), Red Tractor Farm (meat, goat, vegetables, eggs), Washington Creek Lavender Farm, Lawrence Farmers Market tour.
- **September 19-20- Atwood/St. Francis area:** tour of High Plains Food Cooperative member farms: "online farmers market" selling produce, meats, and other farm products into the Colorado Front Range

*For details on workshop and farm tour times, and locations, **contact:** Nick Levendofsky (Kansas) kfu.nick@gmail.com, 785 527-0941 kfu.nick@gmail.com, 785 527-0941 or Kathie Starkweather (Nebraska) kathies@cfra.org, 402-617-7946*

For more information, visit www.cfra.org/veteran_farmers_project

Partner Organizations

Center for Rural Affairs, 402-687-2100
Farmer-Veteran Coalition, 530-756-1395
Farm Service Agency, 402-746-2204
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Kansas Farmers Union, 620-241-6630

Missouri Farmers Union, 573-659-2787
Nebraska Farmers Union, 402-476-8815
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