

SMALL-SCALE FARM MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

FARM MANAGER LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Please keep track of your learning outcomes and hours here. When you arrive at the farm, review this sheet & report to a senior farm manager with an idea of what you would like to learn that day.

| SAFETY | AGROECOLOGY |
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| Risk Assessment - weather, tools being used, condition of volunteers Where is the First Aid kit? What PPE needs to be used? Emergency Protocol - what do you do in case of an emergency? (ex: fires, injury) Exposure - How do you keep yourself, volunteers and crops safe from the elements? Severe Weather Prep - How to prepare if you know that severe weather is coming. Securing Structures in Case of Severe Weather | □ Local ecology - who are you sharing the land with? □ What is the ecological benefit of Small-Scale Agriculture? □ Preservation of Environment - how do you minimize your farm's impact? □ Sustainability □ Biodiversity □ How Do We Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Our Materials? □ Pollinators - what is pollination? What are beneficial pollinators? □ Water Conservation |
| MANAGEMENT | FARM DESIGN |
| Manage a Group - conduct a intro circle Safety Briefing Team Building - know the names of your team members and their pronouns Recording Volunteer Labour Hours - farm log sheet & certificate hour tracking Assigning Breaks - ensure everyone is hydrated Hosting Post Session Discussions - "A.R.K" Recruiting for Certificate Program Arrange RideShare | □ Farm Layout - why does everything go where it goes? □ Field Planing - How to layout □ Lasagna Bed Design - what are the different levels, and why do we use those materials? □ Lasagna Bed Construction - how do you prepare the lasagna beds? □ Clearing - how to clear space for crops |
| DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS Prepping for the Day - signing volunteers into the | GREENHOUSE DESIGN How a Greenhouse Works? |
| Farm Log, signing waivers Checking the Weather Forecast - what tasks are possible/ not possible? Setting a Goal for the Day Set-up and Take-down - scanning of the land to ensure everything is secured properly Damage Control - check infrastructure and crops. Has any damage been sustained? Crop Care Processing and Packaging Harvested Crops Distributing Harvested Crops | □ What is the Best Greenhouse to Shelter Your Seedlings? □ Greenhouse Trays - how do you □ set these up, and where do you put them? |

| SOIL | WATER |
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| □ Soil Selection □ Quality Control - what does good soil look like? □ How to Mix Soil □ Soil Amendments - how and when □ Compost - what is it and how does it work? □ Compost Creation - what goes into a good mix? □ Compost Care - how do you manage a heap? □ Mulching - what is the purpose of mulching and how do you do it? Heavy / light? | □ Water Acquisition - how will you water everything on the farm? □ How to Set Up and Use the irrigation system □ Water Transportation - bucketing, hoses □ Hose Handling - general use, checking the o-ring, and storing it properly □ Water Testing |
| CROP CARE | EQUIPMENT |
| □ Planting / Sowing Seeds □ Early Germination □ Crop Selection □ Seed Storage - what are the best conditions for seeds? □ Watering - how do you test the soil? □ Watering Techniques - what is the difference between a soft/aggressive/low/high watering? □ Seedlings / Starts - how do you promote growth? □ Seedling Transplantation - how do you move a seedling to its permanent home? □ Companion Planting - why would you plant certain plants together? □ Weeding - identifying weeds □ Sunlight - why do plants need sunlight? □ Pests - what are common pests to know about? □ Pest Management - how to manage harmful species naturally? □ Plant Disease - what diseases do we need to be aware of? □ Disease Prevention □ Harvesting □ Crop Rotation | □ Tool Storage - how do you safely store tools? □ Wheelbarrow Skills - load / unload □ Weed Whacking and lawn mower - how to safely operate and general maintenance □ Tractor Skills: - Scoop - Drop - Lift - Back Blade - Load - Soft Unload |
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