

## About Start Farming...

A team of Penn State Extension educators lead the Start Farming program in collaboration with The Seed Farm, the Lehigh County Agricultural Business Incubator; and Pennsylvania Farm Link, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Start Farming launched in 2009 in response to increased interest in farm start-up from community members. The program's goal is to enhance the success of beginning farmers by providing information and hands-on training in production, marketing, financial management, as well as land and other resource acquisition.

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## Directions

**Directions to:**  
**Montgomery County 4-H Center**  
**1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA 19426**  
**610-489-4315**

**From Philadelphia:** Take 76 West to Valley Forge. Follow the signs to Route 422 West. Take 422 West to the Collegeville exit (Route 29). Take Route 29 North. At the Collegeville Shopping Center you will have to make a quick right and then a left (stay on Route 29 North). The next intersection you come to is Route 113. Make a right here. It is approximately 2 miles to the 4-H Center. The Center is an old brick school building on your left.

**From the North:** Take the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike South to the Lansdale exit. After going through the toll booth, turn right onto Route 63 (West/Sumneytown Pike). Go approximately 4 miles to Route 113. Make a left (go South). Go 5 miles and cross the intersection of Route 113 and 73. The Extension office is one mile from the light at this intersection on the right.

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**From Lansdale:** Take Route 363 South to Route 73. Turn right (North) onto Route 73. Go through Skippack. The first light that you come to in town is Route 113. Make a left here. The 4-H Center is one mile past this light on the right hand side of the road.

## Penn State Extension Start farming

# Living on a Few Acres

## For Beginning Farmers



**March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23**

7:00—9:00 PM

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# Start Farming's **Living on a Few Acres** *for Beginning Farmers*



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Time: 7:00—9:00 PM

Location: Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegetown, PA 19426

## Who Should Attend?

The “Living on a Few Acres” program in Montgomery County is designed to provide individuals interested in beginning or improving upon an existing, small-scale agricultural operation. Whether your intent is to produce food for your family or seek some income from your property, this series of seminars has something to offer.

## What Should I Expect?

- An overview of basic production topics.
- An introduction to the resources and support available for new producers.

## You Will Learn. . .

Basic agricultural production techniques from a wide variety of topics including soil management and beef production as well as vegetable culture and organics.

The emphasis is on practical methods for growing food.

This schedule doesn't work for you? *Living on a Few Acres* will also be offered in Bucks and Lehigh Counties.

## Course Schedule

### March 12th - Soils and Fertilizer

Learn the basics of soil physical, chemical and biological properties that lead to optimal plant growth.

### March 19th - Poultry

Learn how to raise chickens for meat and egg production.

### March 26th - Vegetable Production

Get an introduction to growing vegetables...from growing seedlings to preparing beds and keeping out the weeds.

### April 2nd - Fruit Production

Discover tree fruit (apples, peaches, pears, cherries) and small fruit (strawberries, brambles, blueberries) methods.

### April 9th - Pest Management

Learn to decide which pests and diseases you cannot ignore and how to use cultural and environmentally benign strategies to keep your produce healthy.

### April 16th - Beef, Sheep and Swine

Have an interest in raising sheep, hogs and beef on your few acres? Come hear what it takes.

### April 23rd - Agricultural Marketing

Join agricultural marketing expert and Extension Educator John Berry as he discusses your options for marketing your products.

### Questions?

Andrew Frankenfield—610-489-4315 or  
adf13@psu.edu

## Registration Instructions

### Registration Directions:

You may register online and pay with any major credit card. Go to [extension.psu.edu/start-farming](http://extension.psu.edu/start-farming) and click on the **Living on a Few Acres** course (on the right). Or call toll free 877-489-1398.

Or fill out the form below detach and mail to the address at the bottom with your payment.

No refunds will be made for sessions you do not attend. Your canceled check will be your receipt. If you do not hear from us, assume you are enrolled. Space is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must accompany the registration form.

Cost: \$40 for individual  
and \$60 for couples

### Registration Form: *Living on a Few Acres* —Montgomery Co.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:

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