

# Exploring the Small Farm Dream

COURSE APPLICATION (subject to confirmation)

Cost for this course is \$125 for a single enterprise (you may bring one extra partner for the same fee). DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL WE CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION. *Please note that this program prioritizes applicants living in and/or planning to farm in Massachusetts.*

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## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name(s):
Name of Enterprise (if any):
Address:
Phone:
Email:

## YOUR CURRENT FARMING STAGE

(Check the one that best describes you)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we are <i>thinking about</i> starting a small farm business.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we are <i>actively planning</i> to start a small farm business within the next year or two.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):

## YOUR FARMING & BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Describe your agricultural experience, if any.
Have you ever been self-employed? If yes, describe.
Describe any previous occupations and educational experience you feel may help you start a farm?

List any other agricultural programs or groups you are involved in (Ag Commission, MA Dept. of Ag programs, USDA programs, UMass Extension, Locally Grown program etc.)

### **YOUR CURRENT LAND RESOURCES**

Do you currently have access to land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete this section.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Go on to next section.)

Describe the general location, acreage and type of your available land (tillable, woods, pasture, etc.).

Describe your form of land tenure (i.e., own, lease, rent, other).

### **YOUR CURRENT SMALL FARM BUSINESS IDEA**

Briefly describe (1) your *business idea (small farm dream)*, including proposed enterprise(s) (e.g., vegetables, beef, educational programs), marketing strategy(ies) (e.g., farm stand, farmers' market, CSA, sell to supermarkets), and *desired location*.

### **YOUR EXPLORER GOALS**

Please describe what you hope to gain from taking the *Explorer* course.