

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:

Chris Ritthaler, Farmer Vet. Coalition
530-756-1395, chris@farmvetco.org

USDA Farm programs:

Traci Bruckner, Center for Rural Affairs
402-687-2100, tracib@cfra.org

Workshops

- **March 19, 9:00-5:00**
Pottorff Hall, Cico Park
1710 Avery Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
- **March 20, 9:00-5:00**
Johnson County Community College
Capitol Federal Conference Center
12345 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66210
- **March 22, 9:00-5:00**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Agricultural Research and Development Center
1071 County Road G
Ithaca, NE 68033
- **March 23, 9:00-5:00**
NE College of Technical Agriculture
Industry Education Center
404 East 7th St
Curtis, NE 69025

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.

For details on workshop and farm tour dates, times, and locations, **contact:**

Nick Levendofsky (Kansas)
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Kathie Starkweather (Nebraska)
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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
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, 303-752-5800
Kansas Farmers Union, 620-241-6630
Missouri Farmers Union, 573-659-2787

Nebraska Farmers Union, 402-476-8815
Colorado AgrAbility Project, 970-491-5648
Kansas AgrAbility Project, 785-532-2976
Missouri AgrAbility Project, 1-800-995-8503
Nebraska AgrAbility, 1-800-471-6425
USDA Farm Service Agency (NE), 402-746-2204 ext. 102



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Veteran Farmers Project

Returning veterans and rural America can keep each other strong.

In the last 10 years, almost a million of our military's servicemen and servicewomen have come from rural communities. As these veterans return home, they bring with them an opportunity to employ their passion, discipline, and sense of service to revitalize America's small farms and rural communities.

America's farmers and rural communities are aging, and few new farmers are getting started. By returning to their farming roots, veterans can carry on the proud tradition of small American family farms.

The Veteran Farmers Project provides veterans with the business and agriculture education that can help them become successful farmers. By creating sound farm businesses that tap into high value markets, returning veterans can reintegrate gracefully and fruitfully into America's rural communities.

The Veteran Farmers Project offers:

Workshops conducted by expert speakers on topics in agriculture and finance

Farm Tours from experienced farmers demonstrating production, marketing, and decisionmaking

Individual Consultations with professionals for financial and production advice

HelpLine for phone and email inquiries, resources, and support



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RURAL AFFAIRS

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, nonprofit working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

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Project Partners:

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Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and
Rocky Mountain Farmers Unions

Farmer-Veteran Coalition

AgrAbility Projects in Colorado,
Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska

USDA Farm Service Agency



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Veteran Farmers Project Resources

Workshops

Learn from experts about topics in **agriculture** and **business**:

- Specialty crops and livestock
- Land access, financing, crop insurance, high value crop production and marketing
- State-level and USDA programs and organizations for beginning farmers
- Resources for disabled veteran-farmers

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Tour the farms of successful farmers in Kansas and Nebraska to learn about specific **production and marketing** systems. Observe and question farmers and ranchers about their experiences, techniques, and approaches.

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Consultation

Get **personalized professional assistance** and counseling on farm production, business, financing, and more:

- Production and marketing
- Farm business development
- Loan applications
- Farm financial advising
- State and federal financing and loan options
- Land access strategies
- Linking programs
- Programs for disabled farmers

Contact the Veteran Farmers Project phone and email **HelpLine** for guidance in finding the programs, information, and organizations that can help new veteran farmers succeed.

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