



2020 Sierra Harvest Agriculture Skills Course

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<p>Class 1 Tuesday July 7th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Starting a Farm with Peter Hidalgo, Son of Something Farm Starting a farm is no easy task and it can feel overwhelming. Join Peter Hidalgo of Son of Something Farm for a conversation on how to turn your farm or ranch dream into a reality. Discuss which steps to take first and how to focus your time and energy for the highest impact.</p>
<p>Class 2 Tuesday July 14th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Crop Irrigation with Antonio Garza of Riverhill Farm During the hot summers of the foothills, proper crop irrigation can make the difference between success and failure. Join Antonio Garza at Riverhill Farm for an in-depth look at field-scale irrigation systems and a discussion of the ideal types of irrigation for specific crops. Riverhill Farm grows a large selection of vegetable and fruit crops for local markets including lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, blackberries and strawberries.</p>
<p>Class 3 Tuesday July 21st 4-630pm</p>	<p>Bed Preparation & Weed Management with Jeremy Mineau, Super Tuber Farm Learn to identify the right time and the best methods for preparing your fields for planting including choosing the right primary & secondary tillage methods and tools, applying amendments, and shaping beds. Properly prepping your fields can mitigate weed pressure and promote crop success. Jeremy Mineau of Super Tuber Farm will share his skills and knowledge of field-scale farming. He grows a variety of crops on including 2 acres each of carrots and beets, notoriously difficult crops when it comes to controlling weeds.</p>
<p>Class 4 Tuesday July 28th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Intensive Farming with Leo Chapman of Chapman Family Farm See a small, diversified farm in action. Leo will introduce us to a farm system that integrates animals into a low-till fruit and vegetable system. We will have an opportunity to take close look at the techniques he uses on his farm including hugelkultur, swales, and perennials. If it can be grown in Nevada County, Leo has grown it! Leo founded the Living Lands Agrarian Network and trained countless aspiring farmers in the area. He is a true local agricultural hero and elder, with much wisdom to offer.</p>
<p>Class 5 Tuesday August 4th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Fields in Forests: Holistic Ag in the Foothills with Tim Van Wagner of First Rain Farm What is the foundation of a sustainable farm? How can we produce more from the resources of the land and import less? Tim's class will take a close look at First Rain Farm's approach to integrated land management and farming through our livestock, forestry, fruit and vegetable operations. He will share how these aspects of the farm are interconnected and how they support one another. First Rain Farm produces vegetables, fruit, mushrooms, milk, forest products, compost and more on 40, certified Organic acres just outside of Nevada City.</p>
<p>Class 6 Wednesday August 12th 4-630pm</p>	<p>All About Farm Tractors with Diane & Patrick Bollinger, Foothill Roots Farm Join us for a class all about tractors! Patrick & Diane of Foothill Roots Farm will lead a conversation about the capabilities of different types of tractors (big ones, walk behind, and in between) and the roll that each can play on a small farm. Foothill Roots Farm grows mixed veggies, fruit and flowers on 6 acres in Meadow Vista and have used (and decided to not use) tractors on many levels- electric cultivating tractors, walk-behind tillers, and farm tractors. Their attention to soil and ecological health has encouraged them to explore low-till practices as well.</p>



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\$22/class -- \$20/class @ 7 or more -- \$18/class @ entire course

<p>Class 7 Tuesday August 18th 4-630pm</p>	<p>All About Flowers with Soil Sisters Farm Join local flower powerhouse Soil Sisters Farm and learn all about specialty cut flower production! Flowers can add habitat, creativity and a high value crop to any small farm. The class will cover all about flowers - from selecting the best varieties to trellising, and intensive growing methods to flower harvesting and handling. We'll even dive into floral design with a little basic bouquet making!</p>
<p>Class 8 Tuesday August 25th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Adding Bees into Your Farm with Cameron Redford, McCloughy Farms Whether you host bees from a local apiary on your farm or decide to have your own hive, honey bees add ecosystem services and valuable products to a diversified farming system. Join Cameron Redford, lead bee-keeper with McCloughy Farms for an introductory class on getting started with bees in the foothills.</p>
<p>Class 9 Tuesday September 1st 4-630pm</p>	<p>Soil Occultation with Bryanna & Steven Eisenhut, Stone's Throw Farm Join Stone's Throw Farm and explore soil occultation- the use of silage tarps to aid in low-till bed preparation. Occultation supports the biology of the soil to incorporate crop residues, suppress weeds, and enhance the tilth of the soil! Stone's Throw Farm is a certified Organic farm in Colfax, CA growing a wide array of vegetables and flowers for local markets.</p>
<p>Class 10 Tuesday September 8th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Understanding and Improving Foothill Soils with Greg Weber, Greg's Organics Soil improvement in the foothill region requires a special focus on macro and micronutrients, and soil biology. Join Greg Weber for a conversation and in-depth look at understanding soil tests, utilizing cover crops, inoculants, and soil inputs to build fertile, vibrant soils specifically for vegetable production.</p>
<p>Class 11 Tuesday September 15th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Seed Production and Seed Saving with Sarah Silverheels of For the People Seeds With the current loss of our seed heritage and diversity from consolidation of seed companies, seed saving has become paramount to life saving. Learn best practices for planting, harvesting, drying, cleaning, and storage. Sarah Silverheels includes among her vegetable crops many varieties of traditional native plants for basketry and forage. Sarah will share her knowledge of production seed farming and teach us to be seed keepers.</p>
<p>Class 12 Tuesday September 22nd 4-630pm</p>	<p>Small Farm Engine Maintenance with Paul Glowaski of Dinner Bell Farm. You go into farming to get your hands in the dirt, but every farmer spends a good amount of time with wrench in hand. Knowing how to keep equipment in good working order is an essential skill. Learn tools and tips for keeping your farm machines in great working order. Regular maintenance can save you time and money! Paul Glowaski owns Dinner Bell Farm and is constantly rebuilding machines from walk-behind tractors to weed whips, chainsaws to tractors. He apprenticed with the infamous Lowell Webb of Webbs Farm Supply.</p>
<p>Class 13 Tuesday September 29th 4-630pm</p>	<p>Successful CSA's- with Jake Benedict of Mountain Bounty Farm Stay-at-Home orders re-ignited interest in Community Supported Agricultural programs. Join Jake Benedict who, for the past 10 years, has managed crop production for Mountain Bounty Farm's CSA program on 18 acres in North San Juan. At over 800 produce boxes a week and dozens of pick-up sites from Penn Valley to Reno, Mountain Bounty's CSA is a model of how a farm can directly feed a regional community.</p>