5th Annual Beginning Farmer & Rancher Development Program
Project Director Meeting

September 23-25, 2014
Embassy Suites, Baltimore Maryland

Hosted by:
University of Maryland
Monday, September 22, 2014

4:00-6:00pm  Pre-Conference Registration
   
   In concourse area outside of the Friendship Ballroom

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

7:00am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
   
   Registration: Concourse area of the Friendship Ballroom

8:00-8:20am  Welcome and Meeting Overview
   
   Friendship Ballroom
   
   Jill Auburn & Denis Ebodaghe, National Program Leaders, USDA/NIFA

8:20-8:35am  Welcome
   
   Friendship Ballroom
   
   Shannon Dill, Extension Educator, University of Maryland Extension
   
   Stephen Wright, Associate Director, University of Maryland Extension

8:35-9:05am  Start2Farm.gov
   
   Friendship Ballroom
   
   Stephanie Ritchie, Librarian, National Agricultural Library
   
   William Thomas, BFRDP Clearinghouse Project Director, National Agricultural Library

9:05-9:25am  Networking Break
   
   Concourse area of the Friendship Ballroom
9:25-10:25am  Grantee Panel 1A: Central Region  
Friendship Ballroom

Legal Aid of Nebraska Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development (BFRD) Project
Angie Miller, Legal Aid of Nebraska

Growing New Women Farmers in Iowa and Nebraska through Networking, Mentorships, and Business Planning
Bridget Holcomb, Women, Food and Agriculture Network

Building Farmers in the West: Strengthening Foundation and Fortifying the Community Supporting Specialty Producers
Martha Sullins, Colorado State University

Grantee Panel 1B: New England & New York  
Heathrow Room

New American Sustainable Agriculture Project—NH
Muktar Idhow, Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success

To help beginner farmers in CT scale up their farm enterprises through new farm management training and access to technical expertise
Jiff Martin, University of Connecticut

Farm Beginnings for Multicultural and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers in the Hudson Valley and NYC Metropolitan Area
Christopher Wayne, Grow NYC

10:25-10:45am  Top of the Morning Break  
Concourse area of Friendship Ballroom
**10:45-11:45am  Grantee Panel 2A: Mid-Atlantic & East Central**

*Friendship Ballroom*

- Maryland Collaborative for Beginning Farmer Success
  Ben Beale, *University of Maryland*

- Building Sustainability for New and Beginning Women Farmers Through Peer Learning, Farminars, Mentoring, and Networking
  Carolyn E. Sachs, *Pennsylvania State University*

- Aquaculture Boot Camp (ABC): Enhancing success of new and beginning aquaculture farmers through integrated production and business training
  Estefania James, *Ohio State University*

**Grantee Panel 2B: Illinois**

*Heathrow Room*

- Preparing a new generation of Illinois Fruit and Vegetable Farmers
  Richard Weinzierl, *Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois*

- Training Beginner Farmers for Chicago’s Urban Agriculture Community
  Angela Mason, *Chicago Horticulture Society*

- Rotating Apprenticeships Farmer Training in Chicago
  Jifunza Charlene Alda Wright, *Black Oats Center for Sustainable Renewable Living*

**12:00-1:15pm   Lunch**

*Terrace*
1:30-2:30pm  Breakout Sessions

**Breakout 1A: What Works in Social Media**  
*Friendship Ballroom*  
Panel facilitated by Susan Schoenian, UMD Extension

**Breakout 1B: USDA Resources & Farm Bill Changes**  
*Heathrow Room*  
Demonstration of USDA New Farmer Website  
Representation from FSA & RMA

2:35-3:15pm  Grantee Panel 3A: Northern Midwest  
*Friendship Ballroom*  
Lansing Roots: Beginning Farmer Training Program  
Alex Bryan, *Greater Lansing Food Bank*

Urban Farms for America with a Focus on Socially Disadvantaged Farmers in the Urban Agriculture Sector  

2:35-3:15pm  Grantee Panel 3B: Southern Midwest  
*Heathrow Room*  
Farmer-to-Farmer Advanced Training Project  

Financial and Community Capacity-Building among Latino Farmers and Ranchers in Missouri and Nebraska  
Eleazar Gonzalez, *University of Missouri*
3:15-3:30pm  Afternoon Reviver Break

Concourse area of Friendship Ballroom

3:30-4:30pm  Grantee Panel 4A: Minnesota

Friendship Ballroom

A Comprehensive Intercultural Training for Beginning Latino and Hmong Farmers and Ranchers
Yolanda Cotterall, Latino Economic Development Center

Growing Farmers, Growing Food
Hilary Otey Wold, Minnesota Food Association

Sustainable Economic and Environmental Development (SEED)
Southeast Asian Farmer Entrepreneur Program
Bruce Thao, Hmong American Partnership

Grantee Panel 4B: South

Heathrow Room

KYFarmStart II—A Whole Farm Management Education Program for Beginning Farmers
Lee Meyer, University of Kentucky

Farming for Cash: AN Apprenticeship Program for Kentucky’s Beginning Limited Resource and Small-Scale Farmers
Richard Bryant, Kentucky State University

5:30pm  Poster and Display Session

Friendship Ballroom

6:30-8:00pm  Networking Dinner

Friendship Ballroom

‘The Bay and the Bounty - a Tour of the Maryland foodscape’
Edwin Remsberg, University of Maryland
**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

7:45am  **Board Terps Bus**  
*Front Entrance of Embassy Suites*

8:00-11:30am **Morning Tour**

**Gorman Farm:** Their mission is to encourage an understanding of the connection between the food we eat, the life we live and the health of our community. They offer fresh, nutrient rich, flavorful fruits and vegetables on site through their farm stand and CSA program.

**Big City Farms:** This Baltimore-based urban farming company, is building a network of urban farms that create good jobs for worker-owners, transforms neighborhoods by improving vacant and blighted urban land, and produces ultra-local, organically grown, healthy food using sustainable, biological growing methods.

12:00pm  **Lunch**  
*Baltimore County Agriculture Center*  
Lunch featuring Local Farm Products

1:30-4:00pm **Afternoon Tour**

**Calvert’s Gift:** A family owned farm located in Sparks, Maryland, Calvert’s Gift Farm has been Certified Organic by the Maryland Department of Agriculture since 1994. They pride themselves in their crop diversity and the quality of food produced on the farm.

5:00-6:30pm  **Hors d’oeuvres and Round Table Discussion**  
*Friendship Ballroom*

**Dinner is on your own, your conference packet includes a list of nearby restaurants and places of interest**
8:00-8:25am  Education Enhancement Project Presentation

1A: Amy Bacigalupo, Land Stewardship Project  
*Friendship Ballroom*

1B: Gary Matteson, Farm Credit Council  
*Heathrow Room*

8:30-9:30am  Grantee Panel 5A: Northwest

*Friendship Ballroom*

Portland Beginning Farmer Partnership  
Seth Belber, *Mercy Enterprise Corporation DBA Mercy Corps Northwest*

Cultivating New Generation and Immigrant Farmers in Washington State  
Douglas P. Collins, *Washington State University*

Developing a Solid Foundation for Immigrant Farm Workers Transitioning to Farm Operators  
Luz Bazan Gutierrez, *Rural Community Development Resources*

8:30-9:30am  Grantee Panel 5B: Southwest

*Heathrow Room*

Direct Marketing Initiative for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in South Texas  
George Hilton Bennack, *University of Texas—Pan American*

Southern Pueblos Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Project  
R. Edmund Gomez, *New Mexico State University*

Growing Successful Transitions with Beginning Women Farmer Programs in the Northeast and Texas  
Ann Adams, *Holistic Management International*
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9:20-10:20am  Breakout Sessions

**Breakout 2A: Let’s Talk about Evaluation and Outcome Reporting**
*Friendship Ballroom*
Stephanie Ritchie, Librarian, National Agricultural Library

**Breakout 2B: Working with Non-English-Speaking and/or Pre-literate Participants**
*Heathrow Room*
Panel facilitated by: Aida Balsano, NIFA

10:30-10:45am  Break

11:00-12:00pm  Grantee Panel 6A: California and Hawaii
*Friendship Ballroom*

Creating Beginning Farmer Opportunities in Farm Worker Communities
Chris Brown, *Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association*

Building a Foundation for New Farmers: Training, Resources, and Networks
Daniel Press, *University of California*

Ku I Ka Mana New Farmer Training Initiative
Derrick Kiyabu, *The Kohala Center, Inc*

12:05pm  Closing
*Friendship Ballroom*

Farmer-to-Farmer Advanced Training Project
Tom Spaulding, *Angelic Organics Learning Center, Inc.*
Thank you for coming!
Safe Travels!