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New beginning farmers series offered on-line by MSU Extension

People who are exploring new farm businesses will benefit from participating in the MSU Extension 2018 Beginning Farmer Webinar Series. From January – April 2018, MSU Extension will offer 15 on-line, evening programs that provide valuable start-up information on general and more specific farming topics, including:

“Getting started with....”

- ... Jan 17, Seed starting and transplant production
- ... Jan 24, Reduced tillage vegetable growing
- ... Jan 31, Managing your farm woodlot
- ... Feb 7, Choosing apple varieties and rootstocks for your new orchard
- ... Feb 14, Organic matter basics
- ... Feb 21, Fertilizer basics
- ... Feb 28, Livestock basics
- ... March 7, Raising rabbits
- ... March 14, Food Safety Modernization Act: Am I covered?
- ... March 21, USDA and SARE programs for beginning farmers
- ... March 28, Pest management systems compared
- ... April 4, U-Pick farming
- ... April 11, Farm business basics #1: Simple essentials of farm accounting

... April 18, Farm business basics #2: Develop a balance sheet

... April 25, Farm business basics #3: Calculate farm profitability

A fee of \$5 per webinar is required, or you can register for the entire series for \$37.50.

Webinar recordings will be provided to all registered participants. Participate from the comfort and convenience of your own home or office. Registration, a brochure containing details on each individual program, and on-line or mailed payment options can be found at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BegFrmWeb2018/>. You may register for all or some of the courses at any time, even if the session has already taken place. In that case, you will get a link to the recorded program.

Each webinar begins at 7pm eastern time. A high-speed internet connection is required. You will receive webinar connection information after you register.

Contact the Alger County MSU Extension office at 906-387-2530 or isleibj@anr.msu.edu for more information.

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