### **Free Resources**



#### **FARMING BASICS ONLINE COURSE**

- Provides five chapters featuring video presentations
- Offers a certificate of completion with CEU points credited
  - Teaching tool for on-farm workers, school classes, and farmers



#### **FARMING BASICS MOBILE APP**

- Includes horticultural crop descriptions
  - Provides information about major insect pests and diseases
- Describes general management tactics
- Has a fertilizer and irrigation calculator



#### **ON-FARM ASSISTANCE**

The Beginning Farmer program provides free intensive on-farm guidance to beginning farmers, including military veterans, women, retired workers, and low-income individuals.

# For more information, visit alabamabeginningfarmer.com

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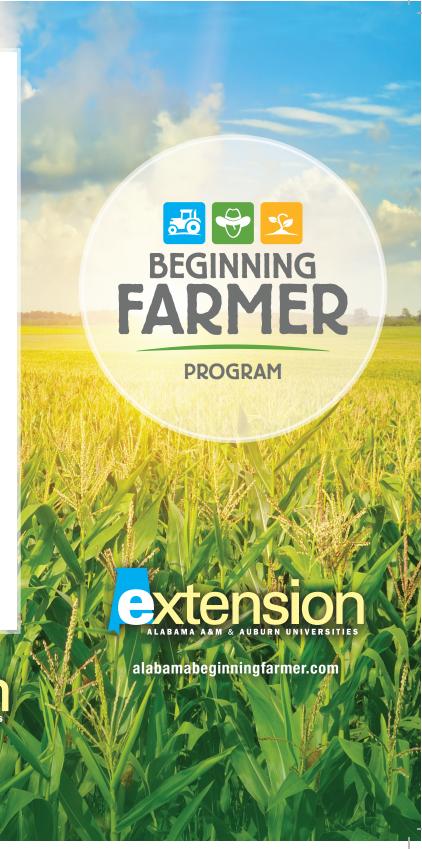


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## **Our goal**

with the Beginning Farmer program is to help new producers develop knowledge and critical skills so they can...

Increase yields
Improve crop quality

with pest prevention

Decrease insecticide use

**Reduce costs** 



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—Beth Hornsby, Hornsby Farms



## We can help.

The following Beginning Farmer program resources are available at no cost to you.

- On-site farm and business planning
- Farming Basics online course certification training
- Insect and disease identification with the Farming Basics mobile app
- Instant connectivity to the Beginning Farmer team
- Educational resources via the website include including videos, e-books, monthly webinars, and more

#### Our partnership

In collaboration with Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Crotovina, Farmscape Solutions, and The United Christian Community Association, the BFRD Program provides science-based information and consultation to beginning farmers, develops new educational resources, and sustains a statewide network of producers to strengthen the local food movement that is inclusive of low-resource farmers and military veterans.

"Farming Basics [online course] is filled with good information. We recommend it as a resource not only for beginning farmers but seasoned producers as well."

-Russell Bean, S&B FARM