Whole Farm Planning

On-Farm Experience

Objectives:
→ Develop a resume with references that showcases both conceptual and practical skills.
→ Develop a business plan from information generated in previous modules.
→ Create a definition and show proof of “sustainability” that incorporates environmental best management practices, economical viability, and farm safety/health methods.
→ Establish a farm mentor contact who can attest to the amount of practical experience gained.
→ Understand the importance of farm health and safety, and design ways to implement health and safety tactics on the farm.
→ Understand the ultimate consequences of production practices through cost-benefit analysis.
→ Show ability to physically raise crops/livestock included in the whole farm plan through an independent test plot.

Questions to Answer:
→ Do you have a legitimate resume written?
→ Do you have a legitimate business plan written?
→ What environmentally sound practices are important to you?
→ How can you maximize the efficiency of your resources?
→ Are you able to apply knowledge gained in previous whole-farm planning modules to an on-farm experience?
→ Do you have the skills necessary for your chosen type of production?

Overview of Assignments:
→ Attend a workshop, lecture, or seminar on any production practice topic.
→ Establish a year-round record keeping system.
→ Raise a sampling of all crops and livestock included in the whole farm plan under the supervision of an established farm mentor.