



— RIVERSIDE, CA —

NEXT•GEN FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM

A Program of the Riverside Food Systems Alliance

- Do you enjoy working outside?
- Have you ever dreamed of being your own boss?
- Do you want to make a difference by improving the health of our community?
- Do you have a strong work ethic and love to see the fruits of your labor?

Consider a career in **agriculture** as a **next generation farmer**! Our nation is in need of new farmers to feed and keep people healthy, steward land and natural resources, and build stronger regional food economies. Whether you have just graduated from high school or are changing careers in mid-life, or are a veteran, consider becoming a farmer.

The **Riverside NextGen Farmer Training Program** is a 10-month vocational program in the art, science, and business of farming. The program provides comprehensive training and mentorship over two semesters to assist new and beginning farmers to start their own farms or seek out a myriad of careers in agriculture and related industries. Participants successfully completing the program earn an industry-recognized certificate.

Register today for consideration in the First Cohort of the program. Applications due March 7, 2019.

Cohort 1 Program Dates

Semester 1: March 11, 2019 to June 28, 2019

Semester 2: August 19, 2019 to December 13, 2019

Hours: **Monday through Friday** from 6:45 pm to 7:50 pm at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 2060 University Ave
Saturday from 9:00 am to 2 pm (includes lunch break) at UC Riverside

Tuition: \$4,000

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Comprehensive 6-Module Program in 10 Months

Module 1: Introduction to California & Local Agriculture

Careers and opportunities in agriculture, role of agriculture, equipment and tool safety.

Module 2: Soils & Nutrients

Soil properties, nutrient and soil input management, fertilizers, irrigation management.

Module 3: Crop Production

Row and tree crops, organic and conventional production, crop planning and rotation, plant identification, small vs large scale production, weed and pest management.

Module 4: Farm Cultivation, Postharvest & Food Safety

Farm cultivation practices, conservation agriculture, greenhouse management, food safety, grading and quality control, harvesting and post-harvesting techniques, packaging and refrigeration.

Module 5: Farm & Financial Management

Farm production and operations management, labor management, record keeping, planning crop rotation, agriculture regulations, insurance, farm budgeting and accounting, billing and invoicing, revenue diversity.

Module 6: Agribusiness Entrepreneurship

Farm business planning, marketing and sales.



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