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Farm School Program

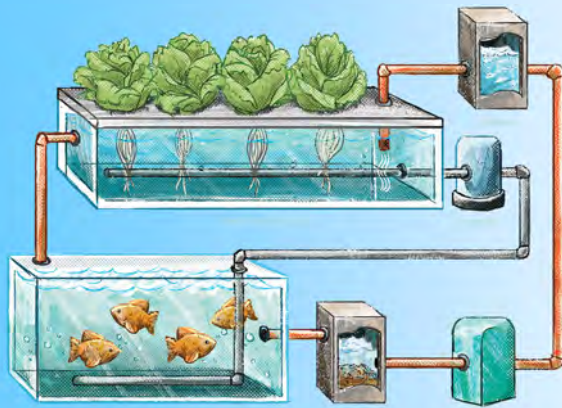


*Are you interested in
learning how to farm?*

We can help!

Farm School Purpose:

The purpose of this program, which is funded by a grant from USDA, is to assist anyone interested in owning and operating successful farming operations and participating in USDA programs, with a special emphasis on reaching socially disadvantaged people and veterans. DSU Extension staff provide educational opportunities and technical assistance to help new and beginning farmers enhance their skills in farm sustainability. This is accomplished in three phases.



Aquaponics

Phase One - New Farmer Training

DSU Farm School's first phase will start with a class per month. These classes include farm and risk management, production, marketing and more (may include tours of different operations or markets). The four different operation styles we offer are:

- Aquaculture
- Small Flock Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Vegetable Production

Phase Two - Hands On Learning

The second phase, which runs concurrently with phase one, is a controlled farming demonstration site for the hands-on learning portion of the DSU Farm School. This phase allows participants opportunities to experience farming with both classroom and hands-on activities representing critical events in each enterprise. These farming activities are supervised by our specialists at one of the farm sites and are conducted throughout the production season.

Phase Three - Mentorship

During the third phase, DSU Extension specialists will continue to provide technical assistance to all DSU Farm School participants on their land, allowing them another year to work through any issues within their chosen enterprise one-on-one with the DSU Extension team.



Small Ruminant



Small Flock Poultry



Vegetable Production