2015 Growers’ Academy

An 6-session learning series focused on sustainable farming methods and business models

January 20 – March 3
Tuesdays, 6-9 pm • Wytheville, Virginia

Farm Credit of the Virginias Business Classroom
660 Pepper’s Ferry Road, Wytheville

The Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center is now offering the popular Growers’ Academy in Wytheville. This series of courses is specifically designed to help new and transitioning agricultural businesses succeed. The learning series is focused on low-input crop production techniques and launching your own agribusiness. Instructors include resource professionals and farm business owners.

• Introduction to Whole Farm Planning
• Business and Finance
• Soil and Pest Management
• Good Agricultural Practices & Food Safety
• Marketing
• Crops and Crop Planning

This 6-session course* is $175. Limited scholarships are available, please inquire.

For more information and online registration, visit:
http://www.cpe.vt.edu/grac/

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Want to start a farm business but don’t have land?

Graduates of the Growers’ Academy are eligible to lease land at a discounted rate at the Catawba Sustainability Center in Catawba, Virginia.

“I SO enjoyed Growers Academy. I learned so much and feel much more secure on my path.”
Angie LeNoir, Blue Ridge Growers Cooperative Growers Academy, 2011

For more information about the Catawba Sustainability Center, visit: http://www.vtrc.vt.edu/catawba/

Check out the 2010 Growers’ Academy video on
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzlmCgefQQA

*Class length is subject to change