



## Farm Incubator Program

Growing New Farms; Sustaining New Farmers

Incubators are educational farms where new growers can lease a parcel of land and gain access to equipment and advanced knowledge without having to buy it. The

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association is now working to create and sustain farm incubators to serve new Carolinas farmers, thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Ben & Jerry's foundation and donor support.

## Our Goals

➤ **Encourage young farmers** to continue the strong agricultural tradition of the Carolinas and ensure our food supply for the future.

➤ **Give incoming farmers** the chance to develop farming skills without "betting the ranch."

➤ **Provide business planning assistance** to farmers participating in the farm incubator project.

➤ **Organize People & Institutions** to create incubators in each of the Carolinas' other major climate regions.



## Save Our Agricultural Heritage

Farmers young and old are excited about this project and its potential to transfer farming knowledge from the current generation of organic growers to the next. New farmers are discovering that sustainable agriculture will not only support their love of environmental stewardship, but their own careers and families.

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation has been very generous in supporting this project, but for it to succeed, we also need the support of folks in our region, folks like you.

# How to Help

**Please consider making a donation to support CFSA's work.** Visit our website at [www.carolinafarmstewards.org](http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org) or mail your donation today!

**Yes!** I care about the next generation of sustainable farmers.

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The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association  
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**Thank You.**

**Currently, the average age of a Carolinas farmer is around 59, and that average ticks upward every year.** We need to

replenish the supply of young farmers so that there will be enough people to feed us ten years from now. We need to help young farmers gain the experience to maintain their farms as a "going concern." We need to support beginning farmers by enabling them to practice sustainable farming methods and compete in today's marketplace.

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has hired Bryan Green as a lead consultant for our farm incubator project. Bryan is a veteran of 20 years work in sustainable agriculture, most recently as Project Manager at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) in Goldsboro, NC, where he coordinated educational, outreach and production programs for the Small Farm Unit. This role included managing a 30-acre integrated demonstration, education, and research farm that incorporated intensive pasture grazing systems, pastured poultry, and vegetable, herb, flower, and berry production. He is a devoted sustainable agriculture educator, and his work has taken him from Madison County, NC, where he worked for Mountain Partners in Agriculture, to Chiapas, Mexico to the Philippines. We are thrilled to have Bryan on board for this crucial project.

**Please consider supporting the project by making a donation or speaking with Bryan about helping start a farm incubator in your area.**

# Contact Us

**If you are interested in participating in the project, or would like to learn more about farm incubators, contact Bryan Green at:**

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