2009 - 2012 Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Awards

There are a total of 146 awards represented on this map: 29 in 2009, 40 in 2010, 37 in 2011, and 40 in 2012. Some institutions have multiple awards.

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Map Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil Science and Resource Assessment (SSRA), Resource Assessment Division (RAD), Beltsville, MD, April 2015
How to find Summaries and Reports of Projects funded by the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

1. For all projects funded from 2009 to 2016 (256 projects), click on “Read the Abstract” at: nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp. The more recent projects are closer to the top of the list. On that list, you can click on “Brief” or “Full” in the right-hand column by each project to see its summary (new projects) or report (projects a year or more old).

2. For a subset of projects, do a search at http://cris.nifa.usda.gov
   a. Select “Assisted Search” in the menu on the left-hand side. Then, on the CRIS Assisted Search page, enter “BFR*” (without the quotes, but with the asterisk) in the box labeled: “Grant No.” and then enter other terms to narrow your search, for example:
      i. Enter a state name (spelled out) in the box labeled “State/Country” to retrieve projects for a single state, and/or
      ii. Enter term(s) for a topic into the “Fulltext Terms” box(es), e.g. for a particular audience (veteran, Hmong, dairy, etc.) and/or educational approach (apprenticeship, incubator, mentor*, etc.) where the asterisk is a wildcard. That is, mentor* will capture projects that include any of the terms mentor, mentors, mentored, mentoring, or mentorship.
   b. Click on “Search” to see the number of records retrieved, then click on “Display Results” to see the list of projects
   c. From the list of projects, click on “More” in the right-hand column to see the summary or report for that projects

3. To narrow a search of a subset of projects to current projects (those funded in 2014-2016), replace “BFR*” in 2.a. above with “*70017*” (including both asterisks but not the quotes)

4. To narrow a search of a subset of projects to past projects (those funded in 2009-2012), replace “BFR*” in 2.a. above with “*49400*” (including both asterisks but not the quotes)

How to Find Curricula, Products, and Other Resources for New Farmer/Rancher Educational Programs

- The Digital Library of the BFRDP clearinghouse, FarmAnswers.org, has over 4,000 items: publications, videos, apps, on-line courses, and more. You can browse or filter by topic, material type, production system, publication date, location, or commodity.
- The Producer Programs section of FarmAnswers.org has more than 300 producer programs, which you can filter by topic, audience, or delivery area.
- The USDA New Farmer web tool at usda.gov/newfarmers is a comprehensive resource for new and beginning farmers and ranchers. The new site is simple to use and designed to make folks’ first interaction with USDA and government a positive one. The site features advice and guidance on everything a new farm business owner will need to know, from writing a business plan, to obtaining a loan to grow their business, to filing taxes as a new small business owner, to obtaining affordable healthcare for themselves and their employees. By answering a series of questions about their operation, farmers can use the site’s Discovery Tool to build a personalized set of recommendations of USDA programs and services that may meet their needs.