Choose a location

HUTCHINSON **4-H Café** **McLeod County Fairgrounds**	Thursday nights March 8 – April 26 6:00–9:00 p.m.
MANKATO **3rd Floor** **Conference Room** **Historic Courthouse** **204 South 5th Street**	Thursday nights March 8 – April 26 6:00–9:00 p.m.

WHAT PAST PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"Well worth the time invested. Good people that have a passion for the material."

"Invaluable. We're inspired!"

"This class will help me avoid some expensive mistakes in the future."

"I wish the course was longer."

ABOUT SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

We understand the everyday heroics required to run a small farm. We can't add more hours to the day, but we can make your day easier with practical, researched-based education.

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Living on the Land

2012 WORKSHOP SERIES

GET ANSWERS TO YOUR LAND MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

Eight-week course starts Thursday, March 8 in Hutchinson and Mankato.

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Living on the Land will provide you with a solid background in all aspects of land management. The basic agricultural information will help you be a good steward of your land and prepare you for more advanced learning opportunities.

The eight-week course, offered by University of Minnesota Extension, begins with goal setting and individual property inventory, then addresses soil, plant, and water basics. You'll also have plenty of time for networking and questions.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All classes are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Choose between attending classes Thursday nights in Hutchinson or Mankato

March 8: What do you have and what do you want? Introductions and information about Extension, goal setting, property inventory, and get to know each other

March 15: What can I do with my land? Understand available resources and regulations, discussion with panel of regulators, and agriculture enterprise opportunities and planning

March 22: Water quality and protecting your household drinking water. Review of global and local water resources, our impacts on water quality, and maintaining septic systems and wells

March 29: Getting down and dirty with soils and farm equipment! Basics of soils and their functions and maximizing soil quality, decision making for purchasing equipment and what is right for your situation

April 5: Woodlands and wildlife. Minnesota's eco-regions and native plants, managing woodlands, and providing wildlife habitat

April 12: What to do about weeds. Learn about common weeds in a variety of settings and management techniques including chemical and non-chemical options.

April 19: Lawn and pasture maintenance. Get tips and information on the best techniques for caring for your lawn, pasture, and trees.

April 26: Farm tour and feedback/ evaluation dinner. We will visit a local small farm operation. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to put the pieces of the series together, tell us what you liked about the class, and what needs improvement.

May 3: Make-up date. In case of class cancellation due to inclement weather, this date may be used for class make-up.

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2012 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE:
$200 for the series after March 2nd

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE:
$175 until Friday, March 2nd

Price includes:

- Registration for up to two people per farm
- Resource kit with handouts and publications
- Soil samples
- Farm tour and dinner
- Light refreshments
- Networking with peers and experts

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND ENCLOSE A CHECK

Name(s)_____

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Address_____

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Phone_____

Email_____

Class location (select one):

___ **Hutchinson (Thursday evenings)**

___ **Mankato (Thursday evenings)**

Make checks payable to: University of Minnesota

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