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START FARMING launched in 2009 in response to increased interest in farm start-up from community members. The program's goal is to enhance the success of beginning farmers by providing information and hands-on training in production, marketing, financial management, as well as land and other resource acquisition.

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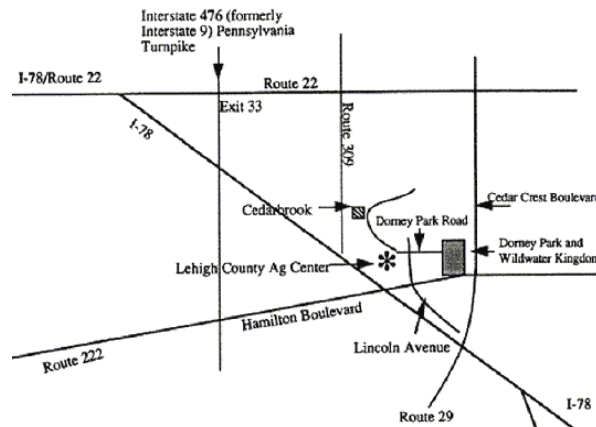
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Directions

Directions to:

Lehigh County Agricultural Center
Penn State Extension—Lehigh County
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From Route 22, take Route 309 to the Hamilton Boulevard/Route 22 exit. From the exit ramp, turn north (left) onto Route 22 Hamilton Boulevard. Go to the next traffic light and turn left onto Lincoln Avenue. Go to the bottom of the hill and turn left onto Dorney Park Road. Go 2/10th of a mile and the Lehigh County Agricultural Center is on your left.



Penn State Extension

Potato Production

For Beginning Farmers



February 16, 2012

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Lehigh County Ag Center
4184 Dorney Park Road
Allentown, PA

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START FARMING's Potato Production *for Beginning Farmers*



Course Objectives

- To show how to plant, manage and harvest potatoes
- For students to learn how to produce quality potatoes

Who should attend?

New and beginning farmers who would like to learn about growing potatoes. Some basic farming knowledge is helpful, but not required.

What to expect:

The three-hour classroom section will feature a broad overview of potato production in this region, where students will learn the fundamentals of potato production.

Students may also gain hands-on experience in the two field sessions, which will be held on potato farms. One will be held on a potato farm where participants will observe a commercial planter and plant potato seed by hand. A second will review common potato pest management practices.

The instructor has a lifetime of potato growing experience in Pennsylvania, plus international potato production experience. He is available to visit students' farms.

Course Schedule

The classroom session will be held on February 16, 2012, at the Lehigh County Agricultural Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Room 108, Allentown, PA.

Two field sessions will be held. Dates and times depend on weather/growing conditions and student availability.

You will be instructed on. . .

- How to select a good site for growing potatoes
- How to select potato varieties for your market
- How to care for potato seed
- How to cut seed
- How to improve soil for potato production
- How to properly fertilize potatoes
- Equipment needed to grow potatoes
- How to plant potatoes
- How to manage weeds in potatoes
- How to manage insects and disease
- When potatoes need irrigation
- How to harvest potatoes
- How to store high-quality potatoes for months



Registration Instructions

Please fill out the form below, detach and mail to the address at the bottom with your check for \$15. **Cost for the entire course is \$15 per person.**

Registration Form: Potato Production for Beginning Farmers

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please make \$15 check payable to:

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Return completed registration form to:

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