

**Do you dream of
a future in farming?**



Savings Incentive Program



PRACTICAL farmers
of Iowa

A future where you can ...

Be your own boss

Be outdoors

Be connected to the land

Make your dreams a reality!



At Practical Farmers of Iowa, we understand just how many obstacles can keep you from making a living working the land. The price of land, the cost of equipment, or the lack of guidance, knowledge and a business plan can prevent you from ever getting started.

Apply for Practical Farmers of Iowa's Savings Incentive Program!



**Practical Farmers of Iowa's
Savings Incentive Program
can help you:**

Earn \$4,800 to use toward a business purchase

Be matched with a mentor to help guide you

Get assistance in completing a business plan

Access a wide variety of educational resources and
farmer-to-farmer networking.

Build a successful farm!



How can I get \$4,800?

The Savings Incentive Program will require you to make regular deposits into a savings account for your farm. After 24 months and completion of all program requirements, you will earn a dollar-for-dollar match on your savings up to \$2,400, so at the end of two years, you could have \$4,800 to use toward a business purchase.

What kind of guidance and knowledge would I receive?

"I appreciate the guidance I'm getting to create a business plan for my farm."

*Class of 2012 SIP Recipient
Sara Hanson, owner
Prairie Sky Farm*

Through the Savings Incentive Program you will have access to research, on-farm demonstration projects, field days and other educational opportunities as well as mentoring and business planning.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be one of the 100 beginning farmers who will be selected now through 2014,

you must:

- be farming currently but for no more than five years,
- reside or farm in Iowa,
- be a member of Practical Farmers of Iowa.



To view profiles of all the SIP recipients, visit: <http://practicalfarmers.org/programs/youth-and-next-generation/sip.html>

You must

Apply and be chosen

Agree to save regularly for your farm

Attend four Practical Farmers of Iowa events per year

Meet with your mentor at least three times in the first year

Become a member of Practical Farmers of Iowa

How can you participate in SIP?



Contact Marc Strobbe for an application. Call 515.232.5661, email marc@practicalfarmers.org or download an application at www.practicalfarmers.org.



It is estimated that 42 percent of Iowa farmers will retire by 2014, according to the Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll. What happens to that land could change forever the future of Iowa's landscape.

How can I help?

Support a beginning farmer with your donation to the Savings Incentive Program!

Practical Farmers of Iowa will use your funds wisely to ensure new farmers have access to research, on-farm demonstration projects, field days and other educational opportunities as well as mentoring, business planning and capital.

Give Today!
www.practicalfarmers.org



At Practical Farmers of Iowa, we come together every day to advance profitable, ecologically sound and community-enhancing approaches to agriculture through farmer-led investigation and information sharing.

Our Vision

We are working toward the day when:

- ☼ Farms are prized for their diversity of crops and livestock ... Their wildlife, healthy soils, innovations, beauty and productivity ... Their connection to a rich past and a fulfilling present where individuals and families earn a good living.
- ☼ Wholesome food is celebrated for its connections to local farmers, to seasons, to hard work and good stewardship.
- ☼ Communities are alive with diverse connections between farmers and friends of farmers ... Places where commerce, cooperation, creativity and spirituality are thriving ... Places where the working landscape, the fresh air and the clean water remind us of all that is good about Iowa.

Join Today!
www.practicalfarmers.org/join