Ohio Adult Program Sites

- Central State University, Wilberforce
- Edgemont Solar Gardens, Dayton
- Trotwood Incubator Farm, Trotwood
- Springfield Ohio Urban PlantFolk, Springfield
- Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, Warren
- Coit Road Farmers’ Market, Cleveland
- Green Movement (Glenville) Cleveland
- Grace Community Center, Toledo
- Remote learning with Smartphone App provided at no cost

USDA Support

The USDA Office of Partnership and Public Engagement funds the Building Small Farm Viability Program and supports farmers to connect with USDA programs. Both adult and youth farmers can benefit from programs focusing on loans, financing, cost-sharing, crop risk and crop failure support, and more.

Central State University Extension (CSUE)

CSUE’s mission is to become a premier community-based outreach and educational program leader providing a holistic Extension approach to improve the lives of families in rural and urban communities and addressing agricultural issues in rural and urban locations.

CESTA/1890 Land-Grant Programs at CSU

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Building Small Farm Viability

USDA 2501 for farmers and youth in agriculture
The Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Program at Central State University provides outreach, education, and awareness to all Ohioans while enhancing sustainability of Ohio’s most valuable resources.

Who can Participate?

- African-Americans and socially disadvantaged individuals who have been farming for at least three years
- Military veterans who have been farming for at least three years
- Socially disadvantaged youth in Cincinnati and Toledo

Experiences will Include:

- How to obtain or expand farmland
- How to manage heirs’ property
- How to farm vegetables, hydroponics, aquaponics, beekeeping, mushrooms, etc.
- How to sell in retail/wholesale markets, grocery stores, produce auctions, etc.
- How to manage a farm business
- Opportunity to attend farm conferences in Ohio and beyond

Farmers enrolled in this project can be eligible for stipends to attend various training programs related to the project.

Youth Participant Experiences:

- Learn to grow/sell vegetables
- Increase leadership skills, public speaking, job interviews
- Discover how the USDA can help youth interested in agriculture

Ohio Youth Program Sites:

- Grace Community Center, Toledo
- Cincinnati 4-H Initiative, Cincinnati

Need to know more?

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Conferences:

Rid-All Green Partnership Cleveland, Ohio
Topics: Land Access, Farm Financing, Urban Food Marketing

Agraria Conference Yellow Springs, Ohio
Topics: Legal Aspects of Farming, Wholesale Marketing, Regional Food Marketing Systems

New Farmer University Conference Out-of-State/Varies
Topics: Farm Business Development and Management

Scan the QR code for a link to online enrollment.

https://tinyurl.com/2501enrollment