

The next generation of farmers and ranchers will come from everywhere. They may come from farming backgrounds or be new to agriculture; they may be college graduates coming home to farm with their families; or they may be veterans, retirees or second career seekers, immigrants and people from all ethnic backgrounds. Cawaco RC&D, in conjunction with Soil & Water Conservation Districts, USDA/NRCS and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host the following workshops to assist beginning farmers and ranchers:

USDA/NRCS BEGINNING FARMER & RANCHER OUTREACH MEETINGS			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
April 9	6:30pm	USDA/NRCS Beginning Farmer & Rancher Outreach-Walker County ALFA Building, 903 South Airport Road, Jasper, AL 35501	Katherine Patton Walker Co Soil & Water Conservation District (205) 387-1879 kpattonwalkersoil@gmail.com
April 14	6:00pm	USDA/NRCS Beginning Farmer & Rancher Outreach-Chilton County ACES Chilton County Research Station Conference Room 120 County Rd. 756 Clanton, AL 35045	Kay Dennis Chilton Co Soil & Water Conservation District (205) 646-0277 Kod0001@auburn.edu
April 23	6:30pm	USDA/NRCS Beginning Farmer & Rancher Outreach-Shelby County Shelby County Soil And Water Conservation District 54 Kelly Lane, Suite 3 Columbiana, AL. 35051	Kim Joiner Shelby Co Soil & Water Conservation District (205) 669-5121 kim@scswcd.us
April 30	6:30pm	USDA/NRCS Beginning Farmer & Rancher Outreach-Blount County Palisades Park – Dalton Moss Lodge 1225 Palisades Parkway Oneonta, AL 35121	Polly Morris Blount Co Soil & Water Conservation District (205) 274-2363 x3 polly.morris@blountswcd.net
May 12	6:30pm	USDA/NRCS Beginning Farmer & Rancher Outreach-Jefferson County Gardendale Library 995 Mount Olive Road Gardendale, AL 35071	Katie Heath Jefferson Co Soil & Water Conservation District (205) 424-9990 jeffersoncoilandwater@bham.rr.com
May 30	1pm-4pm	Soil, Water, & Climate ACES Chilton County Research Station Conference Room 120 County Rd. 756 Clanton, AL 35045	Cawaco RC&D (205) 623-0147 cawacodirector@hotmail.com

June 20	1pm-4pm	Livestock, Forages and Farm Planning ACES Chilton County Research Station Conference Room 120 County Rd. 756 Clanton, AL 35045	Cawaco RC&D (205) 623-0147 cawacodirector@hotmail.com
July 18	TBD	Soil Health Alabama Cooperative Extension System – Walker County 1501 North Airport Road Jasper, AL 35504	Cawaco RC&D (205) 623-0147 cawacodirector@hotmail.com
August 7	TBD	Managing Invasive Species Turkey Creek Nature Preserve 3906 Turkey Creek Rd Pinson, AL 35126	Cawaco RC&D (205) 623-0147 cawacodirector@hotmail.com
August 8	1pm-4pm	Fruit and Vegetable Production and Marketing ACES Chilton County Research Station Farm EXPO Day 120 County Rd. 756 Clanton, AL 35045	Cawaco RC&D (205) 623-0147 cawacodirector@hotmail.com

For more information and dates for upcoming workshops, visit our website at www.cawaco.org