

# NextGen Beginning Farmer Application

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**A. Beginning Farmer Information:** *(Required by all applicants.)*

1. Mark which form of business describes your operation. All members of a partnership, trust, corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity must individually meet the eligibility requirements.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary               | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiduciary/Trustee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation     | <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation Shareholder | <input type="checkbox"/> LLC Member |  |

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name *(LLC, corporation, trust, etc.)* Representative/Title

*Note: Applicant name must match that of the lessee on the lease.*

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Age at time of application (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If applying for financial management class reimbursement.)*

**Do you meet the following Eligibility Requirements? Please check the "Yes" or "No" Boxes.**  
*(Questions 6-12 are required by all applicants.)*

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| 6.  | I am a Nebraska resident, 18 years of age or older.<br><i>(A resident is an individual whose home is in Nebraska and who spends, in total, more than six months of the taxable year in this state.)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.  | I have farmed or ranched for less than 10 of the past 15 years.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8.  | My net worth is no more than \$750,000 (adjusted October 1 for inflation/deflation).  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 9.  | I will provide the majority of the daily physical labor and management.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 10. | I intend to farm or ranch full time.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 11. | I have farming or ranching experience or education.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12. | I have completed a financial management course that includes record keeping systems, cash flow analysis, enterprise analysis, and consultations with the instructor.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
- a. If **yes**, please include a transcript or certificate of completion and complete the following:  
Name of course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If **no**, you will be required to take an approved financial management course. You may receive up to a \$500 tax credit reimbursement for completing an approved course. A list of approved courses may be found on our web site at [www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/finance.html](http://www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/finance.html).

**B. Past Experience:** (Required by all applicants. Continue on separate page, if needed.)

1. Experience: List all farm/livestock experience, related hobbies, affiliation with clubs/organizations, growing up on a farm, etc.

<i>Experience</i>	<i>Job Duties</i>	<i>Length of Time</i>	<i>Dates</i>

2. Education/Training: List schools, workshops, and courses attended. (Include farm financial training.)

<i>School/Organization</i>	<i>Course Description</i>	<i>Length of Course</i>	<i>Dates</i>

**C. Supplemental Information:** (Required by all applicants.)

1. Provide a current **net worth statement**:
- a. The statement will include all assets and liabilities of the **beginning farmer, spouse and/or dependent(s)**. (Pensions, retirement, or other types of deferred benefit accounts should be included but will be excluded by the board for net worth determination.)
  - b. The values listed on the net worth statement will be based on fair market values.
  - c. The statement must be dated within 12 months of the beginning farmer application date.
  - d. **The net worth statement must be SIGNED and DATED by the beginning farmer AND a professional such as a lawyer, banker, loan officer, or an accountant who gives his or her title and states in writing the information appears to be accurate.**
2. Provide a projected **cash flow analysis**:
- a. A cash flow analysis with a positive outcome which includes all farm and off-farm income and expenses, including any rented ground, facilities, livestock, equipment, or other assets, and family living expenses of the beginning farmer, spouse, and dependent(s). The projected cash flow analysis should be for the first year of the lease if applying with an asset owner.
  - b. The analysis must be dated within 12 months of the beginning farmer application date.
  - c. **The cash flow analysis must be SIGNED and DATED by the beginning farmer AND a professional such as a lawyer, banker, loan officer, or an accountant, who gives his or her title and states in writing the information appears to be accurate.**
3. Provide a **nutrient management plan** and a **soil conservation plan**:
- a. Submit a written narrative that describes your individual nutrient management plan and soil conservation plan.
4. Describe the **types of operating loans or line of credit** you have arranged for your farming operation:

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5. Explain your **access to adequate machinery and equipment**:

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**Required for Tax Credit Program Only**

If you are applying with more than one lease and the leases are with different asset owner(s), complete a copy of this page for each lease.

**D. Agricultural Assets Information:**

1. Name of owner(s) / landlord(s) of the agricultural assets: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe the type of operation you will rent/lease under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Legal description of the land you will rent/lease as a tenant under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act:

County	# of acres	Sub-Section (e.g., S½ NW¼)	Section	Township	Range
4. Are you or your spouse a relative of the owner of the assets? (The term “relative” applies to children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.)  Yes  No If **yes**, what is the relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If **yes**, the owner and/or beginning farmer needs to attend a training session on succession planning. For more information or to register for a free workshop call the Rural Response Hotline: 800-464-0258. Complete and submit a Succession Workshop Confirmation form found at [www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html](http://www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html).
  - b. If **yes**, complete and submit a Succession Plan Certification Form that attests that a written succession plan for the agricultural asset(s) included in their rental agreement exists and that the succession plan meets the requirements under Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-5211(7) of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act. The Succession Plan Certification Form may be found at [www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html](http://www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html).

**E. Lease Rental Agreement Information:**

1. Provide a copy of the rental agreement (lease) that includes the following:
  - a. Names of beginning farmer(s) and owner(s) of the agricultural asset(s).
  - b. Minimum of a three-year lease.
  - c. Time frame of the rental agreement (including beginning and ending dates).
  - d. The written legal description (county, subsection, section, township, range) of all rented land and/or the identifying information on all other rented assets.
  - e. The method(s) of rent payment and the payment schedule(s):
    - (1) Cash Rent Lease: The dollar amount, payment dates, and the yearly total to be paid each year.
    - (2) Share Crop Lease: The percentage of the owner’s and the beginning farmer’s share of the crops and expenses to be divided each year.
    - (3) Livestock Share Lease: The percentage of the owner’s and the beginning farmer’s share of the livestock to be divided each year.
  - f. Signed and dated by the beginning farmer (lessee) and the asset owner (lessor).

**NOTE:** Only one copy of the lease is needed from the beginning farmer and the owner.
2. Provide a signed and dated Cash Equivalent Statement, if the lease is a share crop lease. (A self-calculating, fill-in document and instructions may be found at [www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html](http://www.nextgen.nebraska.gov/forms.html).)

- F. I am applying for the asset owner to qualify for a tax credit:  Yes  No
- G. I am applying for the Personal Property Tax Exemption:  Yes  No
- H. I have previously applied for the Personal Property Tax Exemption:  
If **yes**, please state when: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No
- I. I am applying for reimbursement of a financial management class:  
If **yes**, provide documentation of the date and cost of the class.  Yes  No
- J. I am a Veteran:  Yes  No
- K. I am a United States Citizen:  Yes  No

*Each lessee on the lease must sign this statement. Legal representatives for a corporation or trust may sign on behalf of that entity. Documentation may be required for authorized signatures.*

**I certify that the above information and the supplemental information provided is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I will adhere to the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act and Regulations.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadlines to Apply:**

*Applicants are highly encouraged to submit applications early in the year.*

- **Tax Credit:** November 1<sup>st</sup> of the first year for which tax credit is sought.
- **Financial Management Course Reimbursement:** November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year cost is incurred.
- **Personal Property Tax Exemption:** November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the year for which exemptions are sought.

**Tax credits are subject to an annual cap.**

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date application is complete.

Please return your application and supplemental information to the address below.

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