

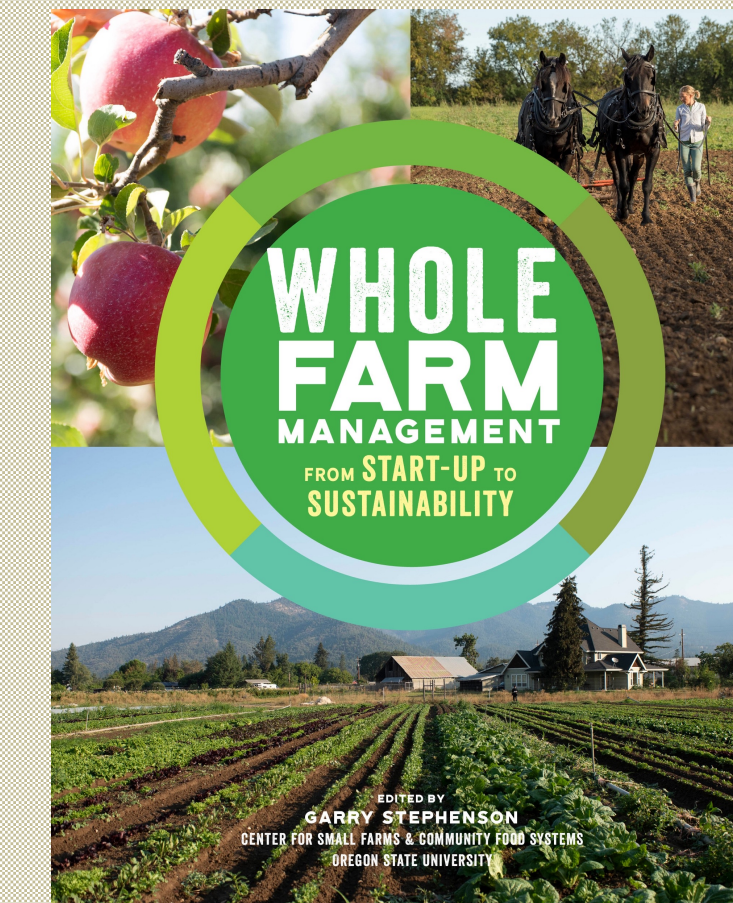
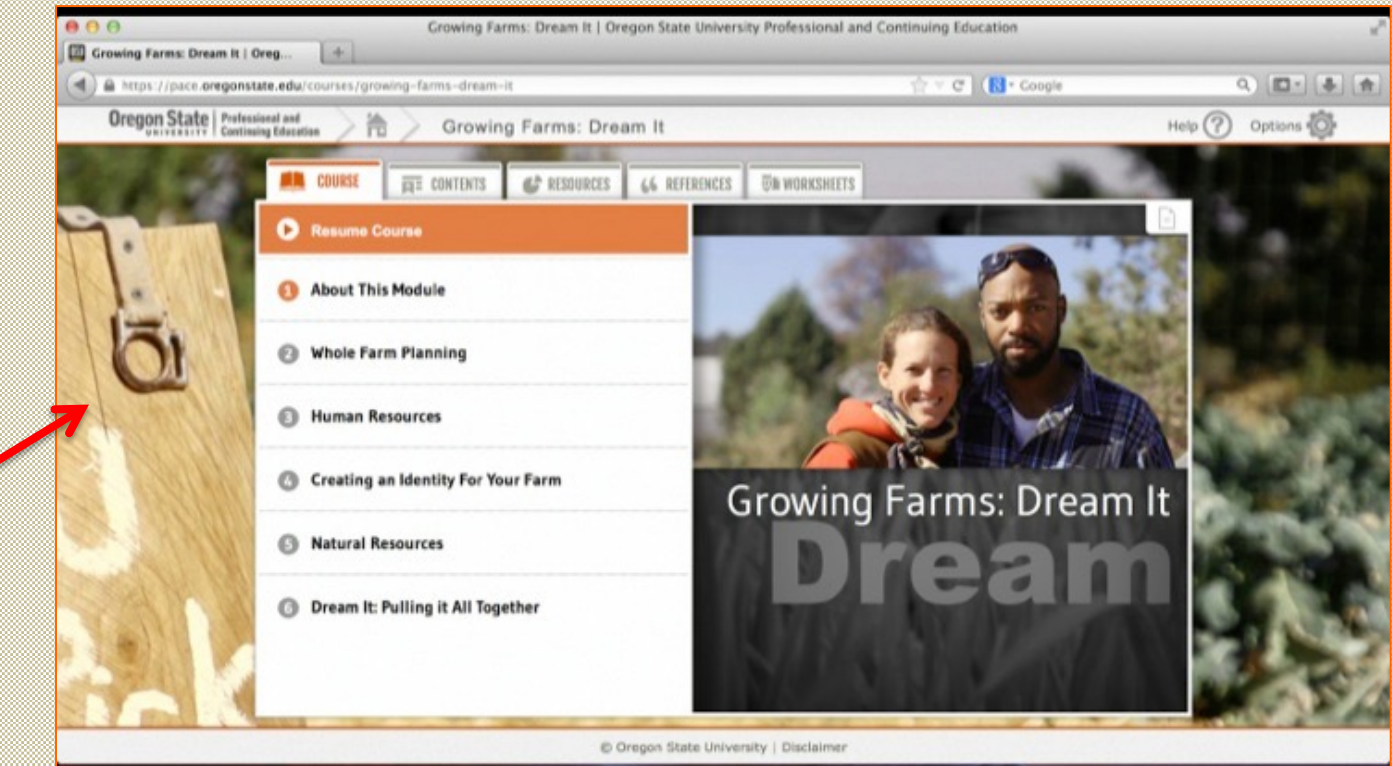
Advancing Beginning Farmer and Rancher Viability by Expanding Our Effective Educational Strategies

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Our beginning farmer and rancher programs consist of basic and advanced instructional and experiential education that fit together based on our research on developmental stage of beginning farmer and ranchers and are underpinned by support from farming networks.

The Objectives

1. Expand the number of BFRs participating in our instructional learning courses.
 - Develop one new advanced-level online instructional learning course focused on drought resilient and climate adaptive farming and ranching techniques.
 - Expand the audience for our our Know Your Costs to Grow business management course.
 - **Share all our online courses and other educational resources nationally with BFR service providers.**
2. Develop new advanced-level experiential learning projects demonstrating drought resilient and climate adaptive farming and ranching techniques at our three established Teaching Farms.
- 3 Facilitate seven farmer networks organized by farmers around gender, geography, or cropping system to enhance BFR support and encourage peer to peer learning.
- 4 Support and actively engage with the 33 organizations that are part of the statewide Farming for the Future (Beginning Farmer and Rancher) Working Group of the Oregon Community Food Systems Network.



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