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Press Release

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Farm Business Record Keeping Series for Michigan Farmers of Color Launches its Second Year

Learning series will support Black, Indigenous, Latinx, New Immigrant and Persons of Color who farm in Michigan by offering education on the importance and process of keeping good financial records and understanding historical inequities in agriculture and financial systems.

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East Lansing, MI | Today, the Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Regional Food Systems is announcing the second offering of a free virtual learning series for all farm producers of color representing the global majority diaspora.

“The majority of people across the globe are people of color, representing many countries and ethnicities. However, many systemic barriers keep people of color from farming or participating in farmer support programs in numbers proportionate to their majority,” says Maria Graziani, Project Lead and Farm and Food Business Specialist at MSU Center for Regional Food Systems.

“This series is called Farm Business Management for the Global Majority to recognize that farmers of color represent the global majority and emphasize that the content has been designed specifically for them,” says Graziani.

This course is for any size farm business in operation; urban to rural; with various ownership structures – owned, leased, nonprofit, or co-operatively operated. This six-month series will provide comprehensive, group-style farm business and finance management skill development.

The second year of this partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency is an important opportunity for farmers to develop skillsets to manage and grow their operations, as well as look at historical inequities and challenges specific to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color) producers.

[Registration](#) for this series is open now through November 28, 2022 and the series education goes through May 2023.

This program is made possible by a co-operative partnership with the USDA, Risk Management Agency, under award number RMA22CPT0012390, and in partnerships with [MSU Extension](#), [Keep Growing Detroit](#), [MIFFS](#), [Genesee County Conservation District](#), [South East Market GR](#), and [Detroit Partnership for Food Learning and Innovation](#).

Newsletter Copy

Registration is now open for MSU Center for Regional Food Systems' 2022-2023 Farm Business Recordkeeping for the Global Majority Series.

We invite all Michigan farm producers of color representing the global majority diaspora to participate. This six-month course will provide comprehensive, group-style farm business and finance management skill development. It is designed for any size farm business in operation; urban to rural; with various ownership structures – owned, leased, nonprofit, or co-operatively operated.

This is an important opportunity for farmers to develop skillsets to manage and grow their operations, as well as look at historical inequities and challenges specific to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color) producers. [Details about the course](#), including what participants will learn and other resources, are available on the Center for Regional Food Systems website.

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Suggested Social Media posts

Registration is now open for #Farm Business Recordkeeping for the Global Majority Series. Space is limited! Visit farmbusinessrecordkeeping.msu.edu for more details! @MSUCRFS

@MSUCRFS is offering a 6 month farm business and finance management course for farmers of color. Any size farm, urban to rural, with any type of ownership (owned, leased, nonprofit, or co-op). Register today! farmbusinessrecordkeeping.msu.edu