



# Women's Agricultural Network

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## Growing Places Registration—Fall 2008

### Growing Places is designed for individuals:

- who are considering starting an agriculture or natural resource based business, but
- who aren't sure where to start.

### Growing Places is designed to help participants:

- develop a comprehensive goal statement which will help in the business planning process;
- explore and evaluate opportunities and resources;
- become familiar with state and federal agriculture programs.

WAgN is offering both in-person and on-line versions of Growing Places this Fall.

Whether in-person or on-line, the curriculum is the same, and is open to everyone. The on-line class is designed to help serve people for whom travel time, family and work commitments make participation in an in-person class difficult, and to serve individuals from a broader geographical area. People with slower Internet connections, or who are less comfortable with written communication, may prefer the classroom setting.

**To register, fill it out this form and return it to WAgN with your registration fee by the deadline listed below.** The more specific your answers are, the more we will be able to meet your individual needs. Save by registering early! The regular registration fee is \$125; early bird registration is \$100. Your fee must accompany your registration form. **Registration deadlines and fees are as follows:**

Session	Time	First Class	Early Bird Deadline	Early Bird Fee	Registration Deadline	Registration Fee
Berlin, VT (in-person)	5:30-8:30 pm, Six Tuesdays	Sept. 23	Postmarked by August 29	\$100	Postmarked by Sept. 12	\$125
On-line Fall 2008	Flexible	Week of Oct. 13	Postmarked by Sept. 13	\$100	Postmarked by Sept. 27	\$125

Make check or money order payable to UVM Extension and mail to:  
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You will receive confirmation of your registration along with some pre-class information.

Individuals requiring special accommodations or financial assistance to participate in this program should contact the Women's Agricultural Network office at (802) 223-2389 x 15, or (toll-free) 1-866-860-1382, x15.

**Questions? Call Beth Holtzman at 802-223-2389 x15 or email [wagn@uvm.edu](mailto:wagn@uvm.edu)**

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1. Today's date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

2. Date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

3. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening)

7. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

8. I am: \_\_\_Female \_\_\_Male

9. I am (check all that apply):

- African American       Native American       Asian       Hispanic
- Alaskan Native       Pacific Islander       Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please check one of the following:

- (a) \_\_\_I have started an agriculture-related business already
- (b) \_\_\_I have an idea for an agriculture-related business.  
Please describe \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_I want to start a business dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ but I don't have a specific idea yet.

**Fill in number 11-13 only if you have started an ag-related business:**

11. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

14. I have business experience: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no If yes, please explain:

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15. If you have business knowledge or training, land, available savings, favorable loan status with a lender, and/or one or more advisor/mentor(s), you have valuable resources. Please describe your available resources:

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16. What is/are the greatest barrier(s) you face in starting or maintaining your business? (These barriers could be loans and lenders; being outside information loops for programs or assistance; lack of information regarding ag policy and policy-making; or any number of other obstacles in your way) Please think carefully about the barriers in your own situation and comment briefly.

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17. How did you hear about Growing Places? Please be as specific as possible.

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18. Please circle the session you wish to enroll in:

**2008 Berlin, VT, In-Person Session**  
(Begins September 23, 2008)

**2008 Online Session 3**  
(Begins week of October 13 2008)

**QUESTIONS 19-21 ARE FOR ONLINE STUDENTS ONLY:**

19. Please circle one for each item below:

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|---|--------------|------------|--------------|
| A. My computer is a:  | PC(Windows)  | MacIntosh  | I'm not sure |
| B. It runs on (platform):                                     | Windows 2000 | Windows XP | Windows 98   |
|   | MAC OS/X     | MAC OS 09  | I'm not sure |
| C. I access the Internet via:                                 | Dial-Up      | Cable      | DSL          |
|   | Other _____  |            |              |
| D. My comfort level using computers is:                       | low          | moderate   | high         |
| E. My comfort level using the Internet/browsing the web is:   | low          | moderate   | high         |
| F. I have a DVD player (computer or home entertainment) _____ | yes          |            | no           |
| G. I have a VHS player _____                                  | yes          | no         |              |

20. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

We need your social security number in order to set up a temporary University of Vermont network ID, which is required to access the on-line learning environment. This form will be kept confidential to protect your privacy.

21. Conference Call/Chat Availability: During Growing Places, we try to hold one or two conference calls and or "chat" sessions to give students opportunities for real-time interactivity. Please indicate your availability at the following times:

- A. Mondays from 5:30-7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no);
- B. Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no);



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