# Beginning Farmer/Rancher Class

**Soil Health for Growing Specialty Crops & USDA Programs**

March 29, 2022  
Yavapai College, Community Room  
601 W Black Hills Dr., Clarkdale AZ 86324

## AGENDA

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| 9:00 – 9:30 am | Class Introductions and Announcements                                  | Dr. Russell Tronstad, UA  
Rebecca Serratos, PFM |
| 9:30 – 10:00  | Soil Amendments and Organic Research Trials with Agritopia            | Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Post Doc, UA |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Resources for USDA programs targeting Beginning Ranchers              | Dr. Russell Tronstad, UA  
Ag Econ. Specialist |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break / Networking                                                     |                                                                           |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Soil Health Trials in Verde Valley with Preliminary Results           | Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Post Doc, UA |
| 11:30 – Noon  | Bent River Farms: Current activities and future directions            | Norela and Herald Harrington, Bent River |
| Noon – 12:30  | Lunch and networking, provided                                         |                                                                           |

**Farm Tour** (more directions provided at class)  
Bent River Farms/Ranch or  
Future Hope Equestrian  
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

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