

## Beginning Farmers Class Soil Health and Direct Marketing

April 14, 2021  
(registration 8-9am)

Florence Union School District Auditorium  
1000 S Main St., Florence AZ 85132

### AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Evaluation	Lina Austin & Dr. Russell Tronstad
9:15 – 10:30	Sustainable and regenerative soil fertility and health management strategies	Dr. Isaac Mpanga, Area Associate Agent
10:30 – 10:50	Raffle & Break	
10:50 – 11:20	Challenges and rewards of operating a 3-acre market garden	Mark Rhine, owner of RhibaFarms
11:20 – 11:50	FSA microloan assignment and LocalFresh.Info	Dr. Russell Tronstad, Ag Economics Specialist
11:50 – noon	Certificate recognition for those with 16 class hrs. for FSA loans	Lina Austin & Dr. Russell Tronstad
<b>Farm Tour</b> 12:45 – 1:45	RhibaFarms (40792 N Rattlesnake Rd, San Tan Valley) – Mark Rhine. RhibaFarms (rhibafarms.com) is a 3-acre market garden that produces everything from mushrooms to microgreens to cannabis. They sell farm boxes online as well as service several restaurants nearby.	

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