



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Cooperative Extension

Urban & Small Agriculture Production

The **Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Conservationist Certificate and Apprenticeship** is aimed to help current or prospective local producers increase their knowledge about agricultural conservation techniques in an urban and small-scale context through an online curriculum and hands-on experience opportunities. Emphasis will be placed upon NRCS conservation recommendations with the goal to increase awareness and eligibility for USDA-NRCS Conservation programs. Featured record-keeping and business planning education is aimed to help producers become eligible for USDA-FSA and USDA-NRCS services and programs.

Duration:

Online, 12-week course offered once per year in 2025 and 2026.

50 graduates will receive a Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Conservationist Certificate in year one of this program (2025).

50 graduates will receive a Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Conservationist Certificate in year two of this program (2026).

9 graduates will be selected for a Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Conservationist Apprenticeship in year two (2026). Apprenticeships will be 32-weeks long at 40 hours per week

Commitment:

- Graduates will be awarded a Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Certificate upon successful completion of the 12-week course which includes participation in weekly, live zoom classes and completing all supplemental course materials.
- Participants may **miss no more than 2 live zoom classes.**
- Completion of the 12-week course is mandatory to be considered for the Small-Scale and Urban Agriculture Conservationist Apprenticeship program.

Deadline:

Completed applications are due no later than **Friday, January 24th 2025.**

- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by February, 12th 2025
- Classes will commence the week of March, 3rd 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

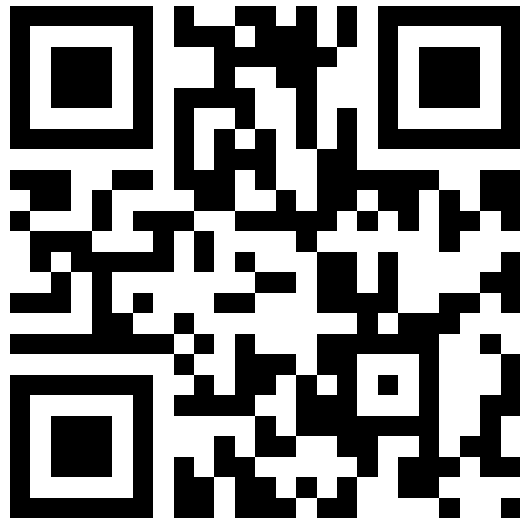
- Reside in Arizona
- Priority will be given to [Historically Underserved Persons](#) by USDA definition.

Desired Candidates:

- Have an interest in small-scale and urban agriculture
- Have an interest in USDA-NRCS and/or USDA-FSA programs
- Have no previous farm experience or have operated a farm or ranch for less than 10 consecutive years
- Willingness to participate in and attend classes

Apply now via the QR Code or link below:

<https://forms.gle/Lr77KsBoMN93H9ip7>



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