

SOBREMESA FARMER ADVANCEMENT TRAINING

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Friends! What an activating, solidarity-finding time we had! Thank you for all the ways that each of you contributed to making that possible. For those that couldn't make it, please know we missed you and hope to see you soon.

RECAP: Hosted by Sobremesa Foundation, the Sobremesa Incubator Farm Farmer Advancement Training brought together 15 beginning and aspiring farmers on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at Daisy Garton Community Farm in Bloomington, IN. The free one-day workshop focused on the practical management and business skills needed to build successful, resilient, and sustainable farm enterprises.

Participants explored how to assess and manage farm resources, set realistic goals, evaluate market opportunities, and develop farm business plans that align with their values and available resources. Through presentations, discussion, and hands-on exercises, attendees learned tools for improving profitability, managing risk, and making informed decisions about land, labor, equipment, and finances.

The training featured Indiana agricultural and business professionals, including Martha Miller of the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District, Grant Sherfick of the Indiana Small Business Development Center, and Nathan Shoaf and Rebecca Koetz of Purdue Extension. Presenters shared conservation resources, business development guidance, and agricultural expertise to help farmers develop and strengthen their farm enterprises.

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