**NESFP Training Farm Site Program**

**2012 Application**

***Eligibility Requirements***:

* Certificate of Completion for the New Entry Farm Business Course
* Completed Farm Business Plan (submit with this application or on file with New Entry)
* If you are currently enrolled in the Farm Business Course, you must have made significant progress on your business plan in order to apply for land
* Proof of farm liability insurance

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: (home)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (cell)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (email)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a valid MA Driver’s License?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have transport to farm sites ?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When *will you meet one-on-one with Technical Assistance Staff?* Please help us understand your availability for a once/week, in-field TA session. Call the staff person if you are unable to attend during any given week.

 **Morning Afternoon Evening**

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Thursday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Sunday**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When would you be available for *on-farm training workshops* and *farmer committee meetings*?

Check **all times** that you can attend workshops and meetings.

 **Morning Afternoon Evening**

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Sunday**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How much acreage will you farm (or would like to farm) this year**?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At which site would you like to farm?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2012 Farmer Fees

 Total Fee

# Land Rental \_\_\_\_\_ Acres @ $665/ acre \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Fee \_\_\_\_\_ $150/season ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pesticide Fee \_\_\_\_\_ $55/season \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cooler Use \_\_\_\_\_ $25/shelf per season \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total Fee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The fees noted above are due by **April 1st, 2012**

**Extra Fees**

* Tractor Services – New Entry will plow your fields. But, New Entry will charge you $45-$65 per hour to use their tractor for extra work to:
	+ lay your plastic on your field
	+ make raised beds on your field
	+ rototill your field
	+ disk and harrow your field
	+ mow your field
	+ remove mulch from your field
* Trash Disposal – New Entry will charge you for any trash in your field. You will need to plan what you will do with your trash (including drip tape and black plastic) before planting in your field. Please talk with New Entry staff to learn about your options for cleaning up all of your trash, so you will not have to be charged more money.

You must pay New Entry within one week of these billed services.

Also, you can call someone else and ask them to do the tractor work for you. Other people may charge a different rate than New Entry.

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### What You Can Expect From Us

## Land Services

After you pay your land fee, New Entry will:

* plow your field in the spring and fall
* help to prepare your soil with pH and selected field scale fertility applications
* provide sanitary facilities
* provide access to water for your crops to the best of their ability. New Entry is not responsible for water emergencies outside the scope of due diligence.
* provide insurance for general farm liability
* plant winter cover crop seed in your field in the fall to protect it for the winter: If New Entry can not get equipment into your field by the time we’re seeding cover in mid/late October- it is your responsibility to undersow cover crop seed and rake it in

## Equipment

You must follow all **Equipment Use Guidelines**. If you pay the Equipment Fee, New Entry will let you:

* borrow their rototiller and attachments
* use their flame weeder
* use their backpack sprayers
* use their hand tools
* use their wheelbarrows.

If you borrow the rototiller or other equipment, you will need to pay for the:

* Fuel (regular and 2 cycle)
* Oil changes
* Weed trimmer string
* Any repairs due to misuse

## Pesticides

Farmers must follow all **Pesticide Safety and Pest Management Guidelines.** If you pay the Pesticide Fee, New Entry will let you use the pesticides which they have purchased for your use.

## Cooler

Farmers must follow the **Cooler Use Guidelines.** If you pay the Cooler Fee, New Entry will let you use the cooler at Richardson’s farm to store your crops at any time.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW**

If I am chosen as a member of New Entry’s Training Farm Site Program, I understand and agree to:

* Attend each on-farm training session and the scheduled on farm workshops.
* Actively farm and market my products as a business.
* Keep accurate farm records (crop production, expense, and sales records) and share them with New Entry staff for evaluation purposes.
* Report all applications of fertilizer to New Entry staff.
* Actively scout for pests with and without New Entry staff.
* Control in-field weed growth and manage field edges.
* Report the need for pesticide application on crops IN ADVANCE to New Entry staff.
* Follow all rules and site guidelines required by the Project and landowners.
* Pay rental fees in advance.
* Provide New Entry with proof of your farm liability insurance.

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Signature of Applicant Date

**Please return completed application by March 5th. New Entry will inform you by March 15th about which site you will be placed on and how much land you will have access to. Fees for your plot are due by April 1st.**