New Agrarian Program

Mentor 101 Introductory Calls

• Welcome and Introductions: (20 Min)
  o Staff intros
  o What is your interest in becoming a mentor? Where are you located and what kind of operation do you have?

• Overview of Program (10 min)
  o Goals of the program
  o Brief program history

• Why might a young person choose apprenticeship over employment? What’s different between apprenticeship and employment? (10 min)

• Why mentor? (15min)
  o Mentoring often does not make sense on the books - it’s not a source of cheap labor
  o You may have had someone who provided you with mentorship, and want to give this to the next generation (or, perhaps you didn’t have access to a mentor and want to provide that)
  o Mentoring can be a source of inspiration, curiosity, and a reminder of why you love this work

• Program expectations and nuts and bolts of being a mentor (15 min)
  o Program schedule
  o Minimum requirements for becoming a NAP mentor
  o Requirements throughout the season

• Mentoring may not be for everyone. What questions should you ask yourself to figure out if this is something you want to do? (10 min)

• Questions and Answers (10+ minutes)

Plan for 1.5 hrs with flexibility to go longer if folks have lots of questions.