Join the Twin Cities Metro Growers Network for our second (not-actually-getting-together) get together!

**So, you want to be a Farmer?!**

*How do you start a farm business?*
*What are the characteristics of a successful farm?*
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**Thursday June 18rd, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

We are *Networking* at a distance this year. 😞 Fear not! Join us for this presentation of interest to emerging farmers. Starting a market farm takes a lot of smarts, a lot of work, and a lot of help. *Prior to the meeting, take a look at these documents for some perspectives on starting a farm business, and great resources to help farmers succeed:*

www.sfa-mn.org/tc-growers-resources

“Sage advice for new farmers” and “Resources for Beginning / Emerging / Urban Farmers”

**Meeting link:** https://umn.zoom.us/j/95874821720?pwd=ZGphUVc1Qj9BVXZSMkdSVzFodTIPQT09

**Zoom instructions:** https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting

--- Agenda ---

Karl Hakanson, UMN Extension-Hennepin County, and TC Metro Growers Network Coordinator along with the Sustainable Farming Association, will host a discussion on what it takes to get a start in market gardening, aka *farming*. We will be joined by Jake Jarecki, who started *Feed Me Farm* and is in the first year of production. Jake will provide a (virtual) tour of his two mini farms. Using Jake’s startup as a case study, we will explore what it takes to start a market farm. We have invited other experienced farmers and mentors to join the discussion. Sai Thao, Compeer Financial, will discuss the financing available for small, startup farms. Staff from The Good Acre will share their experiences helping farmers market successfully. Just like face-to-face networking, *join in with your questions and experiences!*