CLAY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT’S

Leanna Staton
Presenting

“SMALL FARM INITIATIVE”

funded by
The Community Foundation
of
Western North Carolina
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NACD, DEB BOGAR
&
The Scotts Miracle Gro Company
• SFI Community Facilitator
• Consulting Firm
• SFI Board & Committee
Resource, Business & Agency Collaboration

- Tax Office
- Farm Service Agency
- Local Government
- Mountain Biz Works
- Farm Stewardship Association
- NRCS
- Cooperative Extension
- Farming Community & Farm Products
- Local Restaurants
SFI held 5 community breakfast meetings.
SPRING FARM FEST

- LOCAL EGGS
- LOCAL HOG SAUSAGE
- GOAT CHEESE SPREAD
- HOMEMADE JAMS & JELLIES
- FRESH LOCAL STRAWBERRIES
65 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

- FRUIT & VITICULTURE PRODUCTION
- BEEF PRODUCTION
- SMALL SCALE CHICKEN/GOAT PRODUCTION
- VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

4 CLASSES →
SFI sponsored 4 farmers’ attendance of an 8 week comprehensive business planning course through Mountain Biz Works.
1st County USDA Approved
“Goat Milk” Creamery
High Mountain Meadow Farm

New Farmer
Shane Gibson’s Hogs
CSA Farm Family
Lane’s End

150 Year Old Farm
Managed by 4th generation
Moore’s Farm
SMM Produce
GAP Certified
&
3rd Generation Farmers
Clay County’s Soil & Water Conservation District’s SFI Outcomes

- A countywide survey
- Farm visits, Farmer Interviews, and public breakfast meetings
- Local Product and Producer Guide
- Day long seminar of Practical Agricultural
- 8 week Comprehensive Business Planning class
- Ag Grant and Conference Scholarship Assistance
- CSA, Local Markets, and Seasonal High Tunnels
- Supplementing small farm incomes
• The future of Clay County’s next generation depends on how we care for our families, farms, forests, and food. Let’s choose wisely.

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