Sustainable Food and Farming
Red Wing and Winona Campus

OVERVIEW
If you’re seeking a personally fulfilling career with sustainability in mind, consider Sustainable Food and Farming at Minnesota State College Southeast in Winona.

In Southeast Minnesota and nearby Wisconsin, tall limestone bluffs rise above the Mississippi River while creeks and rivers wind their way through steep valleys. This fragile landscape demands special care when used for agriculture, posing unique challenges and opportunities for farmers. That’s why Winona, MN, is an exceptional location for studying sustainability.

The Sustainable Food and Farming program at MSC Southeast is a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree. Course work revolves around four main areas: general education, small business skills, agriculture technical science, and agriculture trade skills.

In Sustainable Food and Farming, all aspects of agriculture are considered with economic prosperity, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship in mind.

- **Economic prosperity**: Business and marketing classes will prepare you for managing a small business enterprise or farm successfully. Practical, hands-on training in maintenance and use of farm equipment is part of the curriculum.
- **Social responsibility**: Learn how small farms can promote healthy rural communities while remaining independent and contributing to a vibrant local economy.
- **Environmental stewardship**: Understand agricultural systems that utilize biodiversity, restoration, and permaculture design while preventing water contamination and soil loss.

Your studies conclude with practical experience working on a farm or other agricultural/food production setting, where you will be involved in all aspects of operations, from business planning to physical labor. Expect to get your hands dirty as you learn from an established mentor what it takes to succeed in running a sustainability based farm!

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Developed in cooperation with national and regional experts in the field of Sustainable Agriculture

Teaches practical, hands-on skills such as welding, basic construction, and Class B CDL training

Includes marketing and business planning as an integral part of the curriculum

Practicum in the field provides opportunities for critical thinking and problem solving in the agricultural setting

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Farm owner or manager
- Direct marketing of natural, locally grown foods
- Small business management
- Natural resources manager

JOB PLACEMENT

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PROGRAM COSTS - estimated tuition

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(does not include books or supplies)

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Program graduates will be able to:
1. Demonstrate safe and effective use of a variety of agricultural equipment
2. Incorporate principles of soil science, crop science, and animal science into an agricultural system
3. Design small-scale diversified farming systems which account for long-term, short-term, and seasonal production
4. Implement integrated farming practices that promote healthy soil, ecologically sound nutrient management, and sustainability
5. Develop a sound business plan for a family farm or small-scale agricultural operation
6. Understand the economic, social, and environmental impacts of agricultural practices in Southeast Minnesota