

“As a result of the Explorer Class, I got a job running a therapeutic farm. The Class showed me that I needed to slow down on the “buying a farm” focus and get more farming experience, so I will be more prepared later when I can buy my own farm. “ R.W.



“My husband was happy that I was taking this course because he thought it would show me how crazy my farming ideas were. But by the end of the class, we were both ready to go! I realized that I knew more than I thought I did and we both feel more comfortable with this choice now. We have weighed the pros and cons of farming and still want to move forward with my small farm dream.” J.B.

“While doing class research, I spoke with a single mother who raises 100 goats. I realized that if she can do it, SO CAN I! The Explorer class made me realize however that I also need to diversify into chickens, turkeys and strawberries because goats are a longer-term investment .” J.B.

“Taking this class while working full-time, I realized that I am in the pre-incubator farm stage and just need to focus on helping out on other’s farms for now. I have been inspired by my classmates’ stories and look forward to helping them move towards their farm dreams.” B.A.