2027 New Agrarian Program Application

Please respond with your own thoughts and in your own words to these questions. Please do not use AI to generate your responses or pass off AI-generated content as your own original work. Your personal thoughts are more important than polished writing.

Name
First
Last
Address

Street Address
Address Line 2
City
State / Province / Region
ZIP / Postal Code
Country
Phone
Email

Were you a NAP apprentice in 2026?
If so, where were you an apprentice?

Select which operation(s) you wish to apply to

Bignell Angus Ranch
Chico Basin Ranch
Coulter Family Ranch
Dixon Water Foundation
Elk River Livestock
Indreland Ranch
J Lazy S Ranch
Milton Ranch
Music Meadows Ranch
Pratt Livestock

Reed Livestock
Round River Resource Management
San Juan Ranch
Scherler-Abney Land & Cattle
Schultz Ranch
Veebaray Ranch
Veseth Livestock Company

Do you want to be considered by other operations?

How did you hear about this program?

Are you authorized to work in the United States?

The New Agrarian Program is only able to accept applicants who already have legal authorization to work in the United States and can not help with the visa or work authorization process.

Do you have a valid driver's license?

Can you drive a vehicle with a standard transmission (stick shift)?

Can you back up a trailer?

Can you lift fifty pounds?

Can you tolerate regular exposure to mold, dust, pollen, and animal dander?

Can you work outside in all types of weather?

Have you ever lived in rudimentary housing?

Have you ever lived in a very rural place?

Do you have reliable transportation?

What is your highest level of education?

Have you worked (in any capacity) on a farm or a ranch of these types before?

Please mark all that apply.
Cow/Calf Operation
Beef Finishing Operation
Sheep Grazing Operation
Other Livestock Operation
Plant Nursery
Orchard
Dairy
Vegetable Farm
Commodity Farm
Agriculture-Related Business
Certified Organic Operation
Educational Institution-Sponsored Farm
I have not worked in an agricultural setting before.

Do you have any technical or mechanical skills that are useful in an agricultural setting? (Please mark all that apply)
Butchery
Carpentry
Construction
Website or Newsletter Writing/Editing
Electrical Trades
Food Service
GIS
Horsemanship
Mechanics
Nursing/Veterinary/Medical Assistance
Plumbing/Irrigation
Retail / Customer Service
Small Engine Repair
Social Media Marketing
Welding
Other:

Please attach your resume.

Max. file size: 200 MB.
Your file must be smaller than 50mb.

Name of Professional Reference #1
Email of Reference #1
City/State of Reference #1
Phone of Reference #1
How does your first reference know you?

Name of Professional Reference #2
Email of Reference #2
City/State of Reference #2
Phone of Reference #2
How does your second reference know you?

Name of Personal Reference #3
Email of Personal Reference #3
City/State of Personal Reference #3
Phone of Personal Reference #3
How does your personal reference know you?

Experience

Describe your experiences in agriculture, specifically your role on a farm or a ranch and what the job entailed: birth and death, mud, 12-hour days on a temperamental tractor, endless weeding, etc.
0 of 1200 max characters

Describe a work activity you regularly engage in now or have engaged in in the past that requires physical strength, endurance, and repetition. (Please be specific)
0 of 1200 max characters

What life experiences will help you work closely with a small team day after day?
0 of 1200 max characters

Describe your experience dealing directly with the public (customer service, sales etc.). What about these types of experiences do you enjoy most and least? 0 of 1200 max characters

Tell us about something in your last job that you took the initiative to make better.
0 of 1200 max characters

Motivation

Please describe how you are a good fit for each specific operation you are interested in working.
0 of 3000 max characters
Feel free to use bullet points to separate your answers for each site you're applying to.

What are your personal and professional long-term goals, and how will this apprenticeship help you reach those goals?
0 of 1200 max characters

What is your passion? What aspects of agricultural work light you up and keep you going in the hot, buggy, miserable dog days of summer?
0 of 1200 max characters

Vision

What's an issue in agriculture that you care deeply about? In what way have you already started to (or plan to) contribute to this issue?
0 of 1200 max characters

Describe 1-3 ways in which you hope this apprenticeship will contribute to improving this issue.
0 of 1200 max characters

In your own words, define regenerative agriculture. What does it mean to you?
0 of 1200 max characters

Creativity

Please choose one of the following to respond to:
1. Describe a moment of joy or happiness you've experienced in the last year.
2. You are stranded on top of a mesa and can bring one tool with you. What is it, and why did you choose it?
0 of 1200 max characters

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about that is not covered in the previous questions? (Optional)
0 of 1200 max characters
Apprenticeship Scope

I have read and understand the scope of the apprenticeship I am applying for.
Each of the New Agrarian Program Apprenticeships are physically, emotionally, and intellectually challenging. In most cases, you will be the only apprentice and one of very few employees at the operation where you will be working and learning. If accepted you will:
- Work outside, often doing repetitive, at times monotonous, and physical activities.
- Live in a rural place, a short, or a long drive from town (20 to 90 minutes).
- Live in close proximity to your mentors and respect their homes and property.
- Work closely with a small team every day.
- Work closely with your mentor regularly during training, transitioning to independent work as skills and ability allow. Maintain high work quality standards even when working independently.
- Have one day off a week to attend to personal matters during your apprenticeship.
- Receive compensation as outlined in each mentor site description.
- Learn a tremendous amount about yourself, your strengths and weaknesses, how a sustainable agriculture operation works, and if a career in agriculture is really for you.
To the best of my ability and understanding, I have answered questions in this application truthfully and honestly.