

Besides the THINKFARM website, there are a number of other websites in Canada and the United States that beginning farmers may find useful. When looking at information on websites from other jurisdictions, keep in mind that information on crop and livestock production and regulations may not be applicable to Nova Scotia.

### **Nova Scotia Websites**

Department of Agriculture's Business Development and Economics division – fact sheets, cost of production studies, and a Business Management Library: [www.gov.ns.ca/agri/bde](http://www.gov.ns.ca/agri/bde)

Agrapoint International, Inc. – production information for farmers: [www.extensioncentral.com](http://www.extensioncentral.com)

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture – reports on local farming issues, Q&A pages, fact sheets on environmental stewardship issues: [www.nsfafane.ca/fact-sheets](http://www.nsfafane.ca/fact-sheets)

### **Canadian Websites**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Young and Beginning Farmers: [www4.agr.gc.ca/youngfarmers](http://www4.agr.gc.ca/youngfarmers)

Canadian Farm Business Management Council – The New Farmer: [www.farmcentre.com/Features/TheNewFarmer/](http://www.farmcentre.com/Features/TheNewFarmer/)

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs – Business Information Bundle for New Farmers: [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/newentrant/newent.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/newentrant/newent.htm)

Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network – Education and Training: [www.acornorganic.org/workshopnotes.html](http://www.acornorganic.org/workshopnotes.html)  
<http://www.acornorganic.org/organicpath/>

Canada Plan Services – offers blueprints for barns, greenhouses, storage sheds, and other farm infrastructure: [www.cps.gov.on.ca/](http://www.cps.gov.on.ca/)

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## American Websites

ATTRA – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service:

[www.attra.org](http://www.attra.org)

SARE – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education: [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

Cornell University Beginning Farmer Resource Center:

[www.nybeginningfarmers.org](http://www.nybeginningfarmers.org)

Rodale Institute New Farm Centre: [www.rodaleinstitute.org](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org)

Penn State University Beginning Farmer Online Courses:

[bedford.extension.psu.edu/agriculture/BeginFarmer/FarmCourse.htm](http://bedford.extension.psu.edu/agriculture/BeginFarmer/FarmCourse.htm)

Oregon State University Beginning Farmer Resources:

<http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/beginning-farmers>

## Other Resources

There are many books and guides that can help you at each stage of the farm planning process. Below are a few ideas to get you started:

*You Can Farm - The Entrepreneur's Guide To Start and Succeed in a Farming Enterprise* (1998), by Joel Salatin. (Available from the NSDA Business Management Library)

*Making Your Small Farm Profitable* (1999), by Ron Macher. (Available from the NSDA Business Management Library)

*Starting an Ag Business? A Pre-Planning Guide* (2004), by Steve Richards. (Available online: [www.nybeginningfarmers.org/Ag%20Biz%20Pre-Planning%20Guide.pdf](http://www.nybeginningfarmers.org/Ag%20Biz%20Pre-Planning%20Guide.pdf))

*Guide to Marketing Channel Selection: How to Sell Through Wholesale and Direct Marketing Channels* (2010), by Matthew LeRoux. (Available online at: [csetompkins.org/sites/all/files/factsheets/factsheet-1317.pdf](http://csetompkins.org/sites/all/files/factsheets/factsheet-1317.pdf))

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