Veterans in Agriculture, Veterans Outreach

VA FARMS, Veterans Affairs
Office of Rural Health:
Supporting Veterans

- Provide mental health care
- Provide agriculture vocational training
- Care management focused on rural veterans
- Hands on Veteran Farms:
  - Individual hands-on experience in a farming training program
- Small Business Training:
  - Business planning and development for entrepreneurship
- Agriculture, Farming Training:
  - Farming practices and skills
- Land Access, Succession Planning:
  - Support finding farm land, and the next step for farmers

The focus of VA FARMS is reaching and integrating VA Care for veterans who are currently agricultural farmers or seeking to become agricultural farmers.

This program is open to all veterans, regardless of urban or rural status. Please note that our partner farms are in rural areas and require transportation to and from the farms. Our training programs (Small Business, Agriculture, Farming) are accessible statewide.

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- 113,000 rural veterans in WA
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Our Partners in Care:

Hands on Veteran Farms
Growing Veterans | Lynden, WA
GRuB Victory Garden | Olympia, WA
Vets on the Farm | Spokane, WA
Tatley Outpost | Pateros, WA
Veterans Farm at Orting | Orting, WA

Small Business Training
Enterprise for Equity | Statewide

Agriculture, Farming Training
WSU Cultivating Success | Statewide

Land Access, Succession Planning
Washington Farmland Trust, Farm to Farmer | Statewide

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Make A Referral:

Providers can send an encrypted email to:
vcc@dva.wa.gov

Veterans can inquire at:
vcc@dva.wa.gov

For more information visit: www.dva.wa.gov/veterans-farm-orting