**Hands-on Practice**

The cornerstone of the academy will be an applied planning and design exercise. Academy trainees will work in small groups to gain hands-on practice in agroforestry design based on the needs of a working farm. Academy trainers and graduates form the core of the knowledge infrastructure needed to enhance landowner adoption of agroforestry, resulting in increased sustainability of rural communities and the food and agricultural system.

**Trainers**

Experienced trainers will be drawn from the MU Center for Agroforestry, USDA National Agroforestry Center, Extension and NRCS agroforestry specialists, other selected experts from the US and Canada, farmer educators and agroforestry practitioners.

**Resources**

The Agroforestry Academy link on the Center’s website contains 2015 edition of the University of Missouri Agroforestry Training Manual and the Handbook for Agroforestry Planning and Design and will serve as the foundational tools for the Academy. In addition, the Academy web pages contain a wealth of additional information and resources from past academies.

http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/academy/
WHAT IS THE AGROFORESTRY ACADEMY?
A week-long training that includes integrated classroom workshops, multiple on-farm visits, and content integration into practical on-farm agroforestry planning and design.

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Agroforestry is a land management approach that provides opportunities to combine productivity and profitability with environmental stewardship, resulting in healthy and sustainable agricultural systems that can be passed on to future generations.

WHO WILL BENEFIT
To advance adoption of agroforestry as a cornerstone of productive land use, the agroforestry academy is designed to train both educators (e.g., natural resource professionals, extension agents), and farmers, including beginning and military veteran farmers. Advanced training will be provided on the main temperate zone agroforestry practices integrated with options for bioenergy, marketing, economic, social dimensions, and environmental services.

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Pecan/hay alley cropping at work