

**Rio Grande Farm Park Farm Incubator Program**  
**2020 Growing Season Application**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Please list any additional partners who may contribute significantly to your farm business. They will need to attend educational sessions and receive appropriate training. We will provide training for two people per business.**

**Name:**

**Description of role:**

**Please list and describe any relevant farming programs you have completed (ie: Building Farmers, Master Gardener, Farmer in Training program, Farm internship/apprenticeship)**

**Please attach your typed responses to the following questions:**

- 1. How did you hear about the RGFP Incubator program?**
- 2. Explain your interest in the Incubator and how it fits into your future plans.**
- 3. Please describe your experience in farming.**
- 4. Please describe the type of farm enterprise you are interested in creating.**
- 5. What crops or value added products do you plan to grow or produce?**
- 6. Flood is our primary irrigation system. Are you familiar with this? Will your crops do well with this?**
- 7. How do you plan to manage weed pressure?**
- 8. How do you plan to manage pests?**
- 9. Do you have existing markets to grow for?**
- 10. Please describe the following inputs you need to be successful:**

- a. Training
  - b. Equipment
  - c. Capital
  - d. Other
11. Do you have a written business plan? If so, please attach to this document
12. Where do you see your business in 3-5 years?
13. Do you plan to stay in the SLV?
14. Relative to educational training provided by the program
- a. Are you available in Spring/Summer 2020 for biweekly Saturday trainings?
  - b. Do you have any weekly meetings/conflicts? If so, what day(s)?
15. Relative to your educational needs, rank these topics from most important to least important:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Business Planning
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Crop Culture
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Pests and weeds
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Post Harvest Handling
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ Branding—Name and Label Development
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_ Crop Planning
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Transplants
  - j. \_\_\_\_\_ Soils/Soil Fertility
  - k. \_\_\_\_\_ Recordkeeping
  - l. \_\_\_\_\_ Season Extension
  - m. \_\_\_\_\_ Food Safety/GAP Standards
  - n. \_\_\_\_\_ Organic Production
16. Do you have local housing and transportation?
17. Size of plot being requested? (First year farmers may use up to 1/8 acre depending on experience)
18. Please include name and contact information for three references and their relationship to you.

**Please return application to the office of the  
San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition  
412 State Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101  
or by email  
amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com  
farmmanager.rgfp@gmail.com**