

Agricultural Management: Connecting Farmers to Resources

- Policy Guidance
 - *None existing specific to this plan component*
- Existing Conditions
 - *Existing Resources*
 - *OSMP currently provides water and land to support agricultural operations.*
 - *OSMP currently provides limited technical support to lessees.*
 - *Additional Resources in the Region*
 - *Boulder County Extension*
 - *Beginner farmer training*
 - *Colorado State University*
 - *Research*
 - *Agribusiness management*
 - *Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (federal)*
 - *Grants*
 - *Cost sharing*
 - *Boulder and Longmont Soil and Water Conservation Districts (state)*
 - *Water quality and quantity*
 - *Cost sharing*
 - *Noxious weeds*
 - *Barriers and Missing Opportunities*
 - *Availability of water and land to support agricultural operations in the Boulder Valley*
 - *Capital/lack of equity*
 - *Lack of available and consistent labor*
 - *Lack of affordable housing for farm workers*
 - *Lease length (not adequate for farmers to apply for NRCS grants)*
- Objective(s)
 - *Provide or improve information and resources to support local and aspiring operators.*
- Management Strategies
 - *Examine the feasibility of providing additional resources such as:*
 - *Farmer apprentice program*
 - *Succession plans*
 - *OSMP demonstration farm*
 - *Equipment sharing*
 - *Technical advice*
 - *Farm worker/lessee housing*
 - *Partnerships with other agencies (CSU Ext. or BCPOS)*
 - *Producer surveys and outreach*

- Measures of Success
 - *Resources available to support local and aspiring operators.*
- Estimated Cost(s)
 - \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$
 - *\$50,000 – more than \$500,000 dependent on feasibility study and staffing*