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LOWLAND FARMS

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FIELD GROWN, SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

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GENERAL INFO

METHOD OF SALE CSA, Farmers Market, Restaurants, on-farm

METHOD/TIME OF CONTACT By phone or text in the AM

PRODUCTS Eggs, vegetables, herbs and flowers

PRODUCTION PRACTICES Practice sustainable and organic methods of farming, although not certified.

DESCRIPTION Use organically certified seed as well as heirloom varieties of seed, crop rotation, and cover crops. We want to rebuild the soil so we can farm for many years to come.

CSA INFO Small=\$275, large=\$425 Pickup locations: Downtown, James Island, Johns Island, and on-farm CSA; It includes fresh veggies, herbs, flowers, and eggs.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS TYPE OF WORK? (EX. BACKGROUND)

I was a CofC graduate, but then decided I wanted to work outside. I got an opportunity to work at Rita's Roots in Charleston and loved it.

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN GOALS OR THE FOCAL POINT OF YOUR OPERATION?

To farm as organically and sustainably as possible for future generations' benefit and to serve this community.

WHAT CERTIFICATIONS DOES YOUR FARM HAVE OR ARE YOU WORKING TOWARDS? (EX. CSA, GAP, ORGANIC, ETC.)

We have no plans for any certifications.

WHAT WOULD A TYPICAL SCHEDULE FOR YOUR APPRENTICE BE? (DAYS/TIMES)

Apprentice would help harvest, weed, get ready for market and restaurant sales as well as CSA, mainly harvesting. You can work as much as you want. My past apprentices averaged around 30 hours a week M-F.

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR STRENGTHS?

Harvesting and selling. We make a nice product (clean and properly packaged), and we're good at not wasting time/being efficient.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR YOUR FARM?

We hope to have more rotations of livestock and more cover crop rotation. We are also working towards a farm that drains properly.