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MUSC URBAN FARM

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GENERAL INFO

METHOD OF SALE No Sales, nonprofit, volunteer for food, harvests often donated

METHOD/TIME OF CONTACT Phone or email 7 am-5 pm

PRODUCTS Mixed vegetable and cut flowers

PRODUCTION PRACTICES Urban agroecology

DESCRIPTION The MUSC Urban Farm hosts workshops, seminars, volunteering and tours. It is a place where students, faculty, staff & the Charleston community can learn about land & food

CSA INFO N/A

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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

I couldn't get a job from my degree in poli science so I started focusing on environmental policy. I started working at Amy's Garden in VA. I knocked on the farmer's door, and she took me in without any knowledge. I've loved farming since.

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

To connect food and health together; To educate the entire community on how to grow food as well as how it impacts health and wellness of people and the ecology of the community.

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

We do all organic and GAP practices, but not worth getting certified because we don't sell it.

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

Ideally apprentice would work M-F between 7am-3:30pm. If not possible, we can work something else out. They will be working with other volunteers. They can teach workshops, farm work, or if interested grant writing or computer work.

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR STRENGTHS?

Growing in urban settings because it's hard to grow in this specific microclimate of Charleston (bugs, humidity, heat). Other strengths include horticulture, agriculture, and agroecology education.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR YOUR FARM?

The 2018 focus is on letting food be your medicine. Those interested in supporting more farm to table workshops, herbal gardening, and healthy fruit and veggie preparation may find us interesting.