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SPADE AND CLOVER GARDENS

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FIELD GROWN, SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

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GENERAL INFO

- METHOD OF SALE** Direct to restaurants (and food trucks!), Farmers Markets, CSA, wholesales to Limehouse Produce and Eastern Carolina Organics
- METHOD/TIME OF CONTACT** Phone or email
- PRODUCTS** Turmeric, ginger, mixed produce, flowers and foraged
- PRODUCTION PRACTICES** Fresh, naturally grown, earth-friendly practices.
- DESCRIPTION** Currently seeking organic certification.
- CSA INFO** N/A

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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

It was an impulsive decision. I originally was working as a sculptor in NY, and then decided to work on a farm for a year and became hooked.

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

To put out a high quality product that's grown in a way I feel good about; To strike a balance between my responsibilities; To constantly learn what I can do better.

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

We are certified organic organic to sell ginger, turmeric, and galangal, and are working towards GAP certification.

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

I require my apprentice to work 3 days in a row because it's easier to teach, it inspires a connectedness to the farm and an uninterrupted experience to see the cause & effect of what you're doing. I also expect professionalism; M-F.

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR STRENGTHS?

My operation is low waste compared to other operations. I also strive for high degrees of efficiency and being truly engaged with the work.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR YOUR FARM?

Definitely a certain amount of expansion. I'm looking forward to tightening the rough edges of the operation. We want to get better and more consistent in growing our crops as well.