

Growing Growers Host Farms 2023

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| <p>Teck Farms (Tecklenburg Farms LLC) Chris & Shawna Tecklenburg 1540 W. 12th St. Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-200-6997 teckfarms@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, herbs, eggs • Farm size: 5.5 acres • Style: Certified organic • Years in operation: 5 • Sales: On-farm, grocery stores (Dillons and Smiths) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer apprentice needed March-October, 20 hrs/week, very flexible. May receive produce and/or percentage of sales as compensation. | <p>It is our first year producing 150-200 lbs of tomatoes daily and delivering to two grocery stores. Would love to show how we start seed in succession and maintain that production throughout the semi-determinate growing season. We will be growing other vegetables as well. We hope to host many workshops and tours throughout the growing season. Feel free to contact me prior to commitment with any questions.</p> |
| <p>Meadowlark Farm Orchard & Cidery Tom Brown 11249 SW 160th St. Rose Hill, KS 67133 316-518-8907 meadowlarkfarmllc@icloud.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, small and tree fruit, hard apple cider • Farm size: 80 acres • Style: Sustainable (use of chemical treatments in limited ways) • Years in operation: 11 • Sales: Farmers markets, restaurants, on-farm sales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid or volunteer apprentice needed (may receive produce as compensation) throughout growing season for a minimum of (1) 8-hr day per week, up to 40 hrs/week. • Looking for an apprentice who is ready to work and committed to developing their skills to work independently with minimal supervision. This may take weeks of doing one thing, such as pruning trees or thinning fruit. This position isn't a buffet of interesting farm tasks, but is an opportunity to gain a high level of horticultural skill with speed and proficiency, through rigorous, careful repetition. | <p>We want to provide apprenticing opportunities to help increase the number of skilled horticulture workers in the Wichita area.</p> <p>Take a look at our website for more information on our farm's background.</p> |
| <p>Victory Gardens Bryan Mann 6145 N. Maize Rd. Maize, KS 67101 316-641-5789 Johnmann3@cox.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables • Farm size: 1 acre • Style: Sustainable (use of chemical treatments in limited ways) • Years in operation: 12 • Sales: Farmers market, restaurants, Common Ground Mobile Market | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer apprentice needed (may receive produce as compensation) April 1-August 31, 4 to 8 hours per week. • Looking for someone willing to learn many components of our farming operation. Apprentices will participate in on-site tutorials covering hugelkultur, biochar creation, low/high tunnel growing, and various composting methods. The apprentice will participate in all aspects of the farm operation – planting, growing, harvesting, processing, storage, and marketing. Apprentices will be expected to participate in 1 Farmers' Market experience but may elect to participate in all of the weekly markets as well. | <p>Victory Gardens is a serious-minded specialty crop operation that utilizes organic methods and sustainable techniques. We take our name from the WW II Victory Gardens, which produced over 40% of all the vegetables in the USA in 1945. We believe this historical lesson translates into many contemporary positives: Reconnection with the land, individual and group empowerment, while providing healthier food produced in an energy efficient manner. We believe the sine qua non of superior farming is to produce nutrient dense food with the lowest carbon signature possible.</p> |

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| <p>Romney Farms LLC Susan & Don Rommelfanger 7261 NE 140th St. Cassoday, KS 66842 316-621-0128 romneyfarmsllc@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, value-added products, eggs • Farm size: 52 acres • Style: Organic • Years in operation: 8 • Sales: Restaurant, on-farm, CSA, online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a paid or volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) from April 1-July 31, 15-20 hours per week. Preferred hours include Thurs. & Sundays from 12-6pm, but can be flexible. • Looking for someone to help with recordkeeping and troubleshooting problems towards maximizing efficiency, ensuring product quality, and minimizing waste. | <p>We grow a variety of vegetables, love our egg-laying chickens and ducks, and recently added an apiary so we could produce our own honey. We love putting food on the tables of our friends and family and being able to come together with those people and share a true bond. That's the way the farmer to consumer relationship used to be and that's what we're trying to bring back to life.</p> |
| <p>Legacy GardenWorks Lauren Scislowski 945 S. Wichita St. Wichita, KS 67213 316-347-9664 Lauren.scislowski@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, herbs, tree and small fruit • Farm size: less than 1 acre • Style: Organic • Years in operation: 9 • Sales: Farmers markets, restaurant sales, on-farm sales, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a paid apprentice and possibly an additional volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation). Work is March through October, avg 10 hrs per week. • Looking for someone who is either a current/graduate of our youth program for the paid apprenticeship. For the volunteer apprenticeship, someone interested in non-profit work and youth development. | <p>We are a faith-based youth development organization, but do not require volunteers to be of any particular faith. Here's our mission statement: "Legacy is a community of hope that fosters discovery, creativity, and accountability in youth." The GardenWorks program focuses on promoting food access and awareness of healthy eating, in addition to environmental sustainability.</p> |
| <p>Kan-Grow Hydrofarm Jimmy Vo & Liz Jackal 5555 S. Meridian Ave. Wichita, KS 67217 316-214-3022 Jnomad9@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, tree and small fruit, herbs, eggs and poultry • Farm size: 3 acres • Style: Organic • Years in operation: 12 • Sales: Farmers markets, restaurants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a paid or volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) from April through November. • Need someone ready to work hard and learn on a fast-paced farm! Be prepared for early morning starts and learning to do everything start to finish. Special projects could be given on permaculture development and understanding. | <p>We have evolved over the years on what we do here at Kan-Grow and continually strive to grow better and stronger in trying to reach true sustainability as a small farm. We do have value-added products and we are a family oriented farm. We have poultry, bees, a small orchard, and we use beyond organic practices.</p> |
| <p>Sandy Acres Sandy Allen 14401 W. 117th N. Sedgwick, KS 67135 316-796-1932 beaverteacher@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, tree fruit, eggs and poultry, beef and pork • Farm size: About 1 of 10 acres total is used for the garden • Style: Sustainable (use of chemical treatments in limited ways) • Years in operation: 20 • Sales: Farmers markets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation). Work is available on weekday evenings and Saturdays during the school year; after school is out, more hours during the week are available. • Need someone who can do seeding, transplanting, greenhouse care, and planting various crops in the garden as spring approaches. There is also some harvesting and preparing for market on Fridays. | <p>My primary crop is onions, approx. 25-30 thousand, in addition to approx.100 tomatoes and 200 pepper plants, half of which are from jalapenos on up to ghost, scorpions, and reapers. There are also several varieties of squash and eggplant. I raise Holstein calves and pigs for meat for our family – the meat does not go to the market. I have chickens that produce eggs for our family and the market. I compost manure for the potting mix used in the greenhouse for plants taking to market. Some compost/manure is put on the garden. I try to be as organic as possible, but at times sprays are needed to control plants such as poison ivy.</p> |

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| <p>Strong Roots Healthy Farming Josh & Cindy Molello 3059 E. 5th St. Valley Center, KS 67147 316-227-7677 strongrootshealthyfarmingllc@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, herbs, tree & small fruit, eggs, value-added products • Farm size: 10 acres • Style: Organic • Years in operation: 5 • Sales: Farmers markets, restaurants, on-farm, CSA, online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) from March 1 – October 1 • From ordering seed, planting, caring for plants, harvesting, processing, selling, tracking, to making a deposit, farming is hard work. Be prepared! | <p>We are a chemical free, synthetic fertilizer free, low till farm. If you are willing to learn, work hard, and have passion, you'll fit in fine. We require a background check for all apprentices to be allowed to work and use the in house facilities.</p> |
| <p>Serenity Farm Brad & Tiffany Dilts 3515 125th St. N. Sedgwick, KS 67135 316-570-0791 serenityfarmcsa@hushmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, tree & small fruit, herbs, pork, eggs, poultry, value-added items. • Farm size: 2.5 acres for vegetables, 5 acres for animals • Style: Organic • Years in operation: 8 • Sales: Farmers markets, restaurants, on-farm, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) from March/April through mid/late August; hours are part-time but flexible. Days available are Mon.-Tues.-Thurs.-Sun. • Need someone who is hard working, self-motivated, able to stay on task, respectful of our farm/equipment/time, and courteous to all. You will be representing our farm – take pride in your work! • An apprentice will often be doing repeated tasks with the potential for new tasks to be added. Key components are seeding, transplanting, pruning, weeding, watering, surveying for pests and diseases, prepping beds, harvesting and packaging, and mechanical work. | <p>We don't know everything, and won't claim that we do. We are happy to share our experiences, what worked, what didn't, what we would do differently if we started again, etc. We have always farmed organically with an emphasis on healing the soil. Without healthy soil you will not have high success. We market our farm as regenerative. We are always finding ways to improve our soil through cover crops, soil amendments, little to no till, and keeping the soil covered as much as possible. We have eight children who are a huge part of our farm. They are very active and hands on with us and will be more than willing to tell you about the farm, how to do stuff, and chat with you while you work.</p> |
| <p>Tenth Street Orchard Jonathan Conard 501 W. Washington Ave. Sterling, KS 67579 785-210-6440 jconard@sterling.edu</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Small and tree fruit, vegetables, eggs • Farm size: 2 acres • Style: Sustainable (use chemical treatments in limited ways) • Years in operation: 5 • Sales: On-farm, you-pick | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a paid apprentice April 1 – August 1; specific hours are flexible • Need someone willing to work and interested in learning | <p>We approach farming as a learning experience and believe that we are responsible for being good stewards of the land. We practice holistic management and make decisions based on how they will impact biological resources locally now and in the future. Our farm is focused on pick-your-own strawberry and blackberry production. We are currently expanding into apples, sweet corn, and vegetables and are interested in continuing to increase the diversity of what we grow. We try to provide a wonderful family-friendly experience for visitors.</p> |

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| <p>Pearson's Family Farm Donna Pearson McClish & David Pearson 2430 E. 33rd St. N. Wichita, KS 67219 316-200-1397 commongroundpg@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables • Farm size: 40 acres • Style: Sustainable • Years in operation: 30 • Sales: Farmers markets and Mobile Market Food Hub | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a paid or volunteer apprentice (can receive produce as compensation) from June 1-July 31, at least 20 hrs per week. • Need someone who can help with the mobile market and work at the farm | <p>Apprentices should work on the farm and at the mobile market, be able to lift heavy objects, and be comfortable interacting with multi-ethnic and elderly populations.</p> |
| <p>Unruh Farms Harlin & Doris Unruh 7501 NE 108th St. Peabody, KS 66866 620-983-2844 Doris.unruh@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, small fruit, meat, eggs, value-added items • Farm size: 2 acres for the garden (more land for animals) • Style: Sustainable (use of chemical treatments in limited ways) • Years in operation: 40 • Sales: Farmers market, on-farm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) from May 1-September 1, flexible hours/week • Need someone for planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and marketing. We work early mornings and evenings. Working farmers markets would be appreciated but not expected. | <p>The garden is part of a larger multi-family farm operation using regenerative agricultural practices such as extensive use of composted cow manure with minimal use of organic pesticides. Our son's poultry operation uses moveable repurposed school busses for layers in a pasture rotational system along with moveable sheds for the broilers. The cow operation uses rotational grazing with summer calving. All crop ground is 100% no till with extensive use of cover crops.</p> |
| <p>Price Family Farm Josh Price 3300 S. 343rd St W Cheney, KS 67025 316-249-2880 Josh3300@yahoo.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops produced: Vegetables, fruit, herbs, value-added items, eggs, beef/pork • Farm size: 13 acres • Style: Sustainable • Years in operation: 15 • Sales: On-farm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer or apprentice (may receive produce as compensation) • Work is from approximately March 1 through September | <p>We live on the farm and run a small farm store. We have lots of raised beds and lots of room for expansion, as well as a greenhouse, high tunnel, tillers, and access to all the compost we could ever want.</p> |