

The Fauquier Education Farm

A Highly Successful
Public/Private Partnership



FEF Mission Statement

The Fauquier Education Farm exist to promote agriculture and agriculture-related education through best method demonstrations, classroom instruction, on farm workshops and hands on learning. The farm supports the community by donating all of its fresh produce to local food banks and by providing richly rewarding volunteer opportunities.

We are located on 11 1/2 acres of land, leased from Fauquier Co. on Meetze Rd. in Warrenton, Va.







The Education Farm is a stand alone 501c(3) non-profit that does not have direct ties with local government, with the Cooperative Extension or any other outside group. However, we collaborate with multiple partners in everything we do, including local, state and federal agencies as well as numerous other non-profits and civic organizations to make our efforts truly a community supported project.

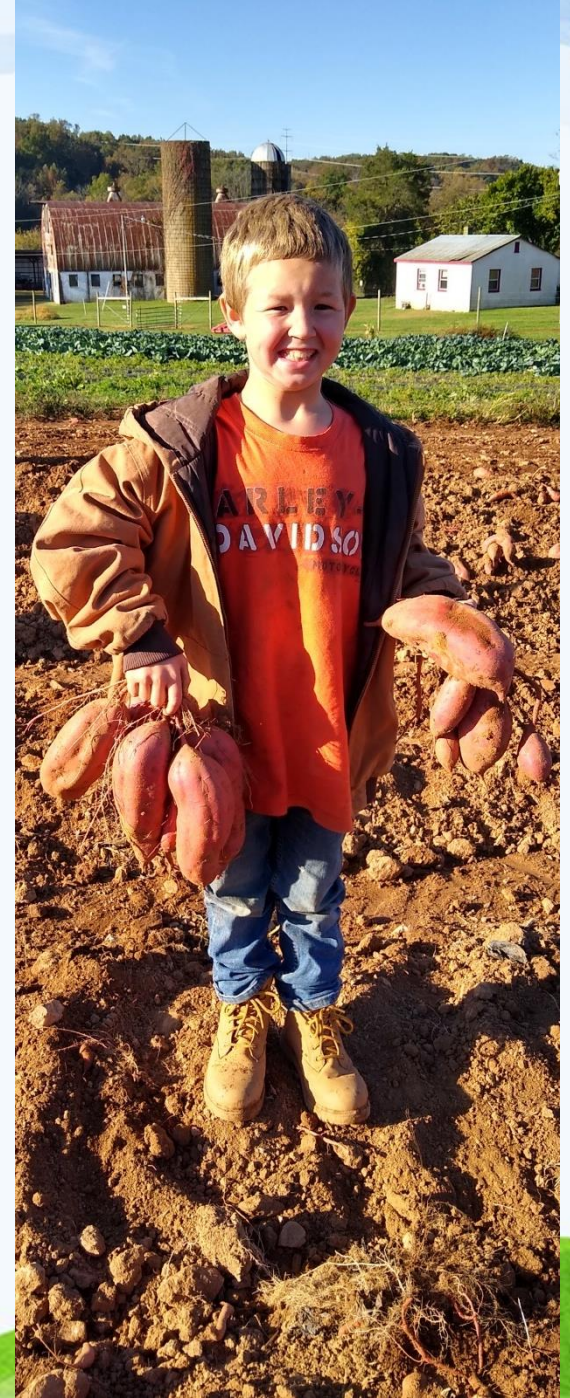


The farm is run with one full time employee with most of the remaining labor coming from volunteers of all ages and from a broad geographic area. These volunteers come to learn for themselves, to expose their children to how vegetables are grown, and to give back to the community by supporting our donations to area food banks.

In 2023 we donated 108,442 lbs. to multiple food banks in Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper and Prince William counties.











The donation totals are great, but we are not the food bank farm, we're The Education Farm. We have partnered with Cooperative Extension and the Va. Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition to put on the Northern Piedmont Beginning Farmers courses. We also have a free Workshop Series each year directly relating to demonstration projects on the farm, and we work very closely with Master Gardeners in several local counties. Plus, anyone can come by and learn by getting their hands dirty and helping!!

Of course, school groups, home school groups and other youth programs like 4H and Scouts love coming to the Education Farm. 2024 is shaping up to be record year for students at the farm









Red hoodie with a white animal logo.

Red hoodie with "Holo's" written on it.

Red hoodie with "Holo's" written on it.

Red hoodie with "THE NORTH FACE" logo.

Red t-shirt with "The Zoo" logo and "2021-2022" text.

Black puffer jacket with thumbs up gesture.

Black puffer jacket with red shoes.

Black puffer jacket over a red hoodie.





Our free Workshop Series for adults and on-farm demonstrations give us lots of opportunities to collaborate with SWCD, NRCS, DCR, VCE, Va. Tech and Va. State University.





Everything we grow is raised in demonstration plots, always looking for teaching opportunities, comparing varieties and cultivation methods. It's not unusual to have the same crop raised three different ways to demonstrate which works best.





Our workshop series has been an excellent way to reach a broad range of the farming community. We advertise through the Va. Beginning Farmer Coalition and through our other partner organizations, and draw folks from across Va., DC, and Md.





Families are always our most important volunteers and our greatest teaching opportunity. We don't have an age limit but just ask that parents work very closely with younger children to be sure they are doing more good than harm.

The very best way to learn is to get your hands dirty!!





How on earth are we funded? The Education Farm depends on grants and donations for 100% of its funding. Our relationships with other non-profits, foundations and private donors who support our activities are vital to our continued success.



The USDA grants for our work with the Northern Piedmont Beginning Farmer Program have been vital both financially and as an important means of fulfilling our core mission. We offer two different multi-week courses through this program and continue to work with our students for many years after they complete the course.





The impact we have on our community continues to grow and broaden. We are helping many new or aspiring farmers and home gardeners learn best practices, making the community more food secure. Our donations of fresh, high-quality produce help those in greatest need in the community. And we are growing a new generation of citizens who know how much work goes into the food they eat, and who value giving back to help their neighbors by learning the joys of volunteering.















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