



KEEP GROWING DETROIT

1445 Adelaide St. Detroit, MI 48207 (313) 656-4769 keepgrowingdetroit.org

SEASONAL FARM & INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANT

Location: 3100 Orleans Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207

Compensation: \$17.50-\$20 per hour based on experience with paid holidays

Additional Perks: 50% discount on Grown in Detroit produce and plants for personal use, 40 hours Paid Time Off after 60 days, up to \$500 health care stipend, if requested

Duration: May-November 2024

Schedule: Part-time hourly employee, working 26 hours per week on average

Organizational Description:

Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city's limits. Our strategic approach to achieving our mission facilitates beginner gardeners becoming engaged community leaders and food entrepreneurs, addressing the immediate needs of the community while promoting sustainable change in our food system. To these ends, KGD operates a number of nationally recognized programs including the Garden Resource Program, which supports a network of more than 2,200 urban gardens and farms in the city and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides urban growers with very low-barrier opportunities to sell the fruits and vegetables they grow at local market outlets. KGD also operates a 1.38-acre urban farm and teaching facility located in Detroit's historic Eastern Market District.

Position Description:

Keep Growing Detroit is seeking a Seasonal Farm and Infrastructure Assistant to support our Farm and Market Team with water collection system and hightunnel builds in the community as well as a range of farm tasks at the KGD Farm. The ideal candidate should possess basic carpentry skills, have some gardening or farming experience, enjoy physical outdoor work, and be passionate about promoting good food, healthy communities, and robust local economies. The chosen candidate will receive practical training in planning and constructing farm infrastructure projects as well as sustainable small-scale farming.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with hightunnel, planning and construction
- Assist with the planning and construction of rainwater collection systems
- Assist with field and high tunnel vegetable, herb, and flower production at the KGD Farm i.e. bed preparation, planting, weed management, irrigation, and record keeping
- Assist with produce harvesting, washing, and packing

- Adhere to KGD safety guidelines and practices
- Assist with volunteer supervision at the KGD Farm
- Assist with tool and supply inventory and management
- Attend KGD citywide events, summer staff retreat, and other KGD internal meetings as necessary

Qualifications:

- Passion for Keep Growing Detroit's mission and work
- Commitment to creating a healthy and inclusive workplace culture
- Excellent communication skills
- Some carpentry or construction experience
- At least 2 years of gardening experience helpful but not required
- Drivers license and reliable transportation, work-related mileage will be reimbursed
- Ability to lift 40 pounds and perform physically demanding and repetitive tasks such as standing or bending
- Availability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Familiarity with Detroit's food system, including chefs/restaurants, produce aggregators, markets, and/or commercial kitchens is helpful but not required

How to Apply:

Please send an email with your resume and cover letter to info@keepgrowingdetroit.org or mail to 1445 Adelaide Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Use the job title as the subject line. Only potential interviewees will be contacted. For more information, please visit our website at www.keepgrowingdetroit.org or call 313-656-4769.

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Position Description:

Keep Growing Detroit is seeking a Seasonal Farmer to assist our Farm and Market Team with a wide range of farm tasks at the KGD Farm including bed preparation, planting, weed and pest management, harvest, post-harvest handling, and produce sales. The ideal candidate for this position loves physical, outdoor work, has some farming and/or market experience and is passionate about good food, healthy communities and strong local economies. The selected candidate will receive hands-on training in sustainable small-scale farm planning, practices, and equipment.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with transplant and native plant production i.e. potting up seedlings and watering
- Assist with field and high tunnel vegetable, herb, and flower production i.e. bed preparation, planting, weed management, irrigation, and record keeping
- Assist with produce harvesting, washing, and packing

- Assist with market operations including market set up and break down, customer service, and supporting Grown in Detroit growers with produce drop-offs
- Actively engage in farm meetings and team building activities
- Adhere to farm safety guidelines and practices
- Assist with volunteer supervision at the KGD Farm
- Assist with trash pick-up and site maintenance
- Assist with tool and supply inventory and management
- Attend KGD citywide events, summer staff retreat, and other KGD internal meetings as necessary

Qualifications:

- Passion for Keep Growing Detroit’s mission and work
- Commitment to creating a healthy and inclusive workplace culture
- Excellent communication skills
- At least 2 years of gardening experience
- Availability to work on Saturdays or Sundays occasionally
- Reliable transportation, work-related mileage will be reimbursed
- Ability to lift 40 pounds and perform physically demanding and repetitive tasks such as standing or bending
- Availability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience working with volunteers is helpful but not required
- Customer service experience is helpful but not required
- Familiarity with Detroit’s food system, including chefs/restaurants, produce aggregators, markets, and/or commercial kitchens is helpful but not required
- Farm Food Safety Training or equivalent is helpful but not required
- ServSafe Training is helpful but not required

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GROUNDING:

A Farmer Wellness Series

✦ All sessions 6 - 8 pm ✦

MAY

THURS. 16, 23 & 30

With Mashell Lawson (yoga)

JUNE

THURS. 6 & 13

With Akilah Muhammad (yoga/ meditation)

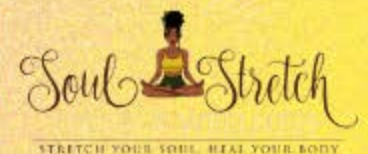


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20103 Danbury St
Detroit, MI

in collaboration with:



Developing a Cover Cropping and No-Till Planting System for Small Scale Vegetable Farms Using the Two-Wheeled BCS Tractor.

An On-Farm Field Day

Date: Sunday June 9th 2024

11:00am – 4:00pm

Silverbeet Farm

7458 S 25th Street. Kalamazoo MI 49048



Join us for a field day at our small scale vegetable farm to see our progress in developing a cover cropping and no-till planting system for two-wheeled tractors.

We will demonstrate roller crimping of the rye and vetch cover crop, demonstrate the use of the no-till implement and transplant squash and tomatoes into the prepared space. We will also discuss soil health, labor impacts and how these tools and systems have worked for us in the context of our market farming and how we envision these systems could help other sustainable farmers like us.

Presenters:

Phillip Swartz-*Farmer, Fabricator and Grazier Beyond Sustainable Farm*

Chanterelle Vogtmann- *Farmer/Owner at Silverbeet Farm*

Sureau Vogtmann-*Farmer/Owner at Silverbeet Farm*

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Plan to dress as you prefer for potential sun, rain, tall grass and insects.

RSVP- Please let us know if you plan to attend and direct any questions to Chanterelle Vogtmann at

Silverbeetfarm@gmail.com



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The team at WIC Product Connection (formerly WIC Project FRESH) has added more Grower Town Hall meetings throughout the summer for Farmers/Growers and Market Managers to attend and ask questions about the program. You can also find more information on the [FAQ document](#) created by MIFMA.

Wednesday, June 5, 11:00 AM -12:00 PM

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Monday, June 24, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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Thursday, August 8, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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Monday, August 12, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Wednesday, August 28, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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Sincerely,



Joe Lesausky

Pronouns: he/him [What's this?](#)

Food Access Director | Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)

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Job Openings

Team Member: Bass Root Farm LLC is hiring for two (2) part-time positions (20-30 hours per week) to assist with all aspects of running a small vegetable farm. Team members will work in seed starting and propagation, bed prep, planting, trellising, weeding, mulching, pruning, harvesting, washing, and packing. In addition, team members will assist with the distribution of CSA shares, selling produce at farmers markets, and delivering produce to other community partners (e.g., Trinity Health).

Employment Duration: Early April through early November

Compensation: \$15/hour

Working Days: Tuesday-Friday, select Saturdays (market)

Hours: 9:00-4:00 T, W, Th, F
8:00-2:00 Select Saturdays

Skills and Dispositions Required

- Ability to work outdoors and in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to stand, kneel, bend over, and walk for long periods of time
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Positive attitude
- Punctuality
- Willingness to work with others as part of a team
- Desire to learn and improve

Skills Preferred

- Experience with gardening and/or farming
- Interest in organic farming and regenerative agriculture
- Interest in local food organizations and nutrition

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

All employees of Bass Root Farm are covered by a workers' compensation policy.

About Our Farm

Bass Root Farm, LLC, is a Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) produce farm located in Fenton, Michigan (Livingston County). It was founded in 2020 by Michael and Sarah Palmer *"to nourish our local community by producing nutrient dense food while striving to be good stewards of the land using sustainable and regenerative farming methods. We want our farm to be a site for learning, sharing, and cultivating wellness, an ideal place that provides a rich quality of life for all living things"* (Mission Statement, 2020). We are interested in teaching, mentoring, and learning alongside aspiring market gardeners and farmers. We have hosted interns from the University of Michigan's School of Public Health Dietetics Program (2022, 2023) and enjoy working with students with a vested interest in community food systems.

For more information about our farm, please visit <https://bassrootfarm.com/>

To Apply:

Email us a letter of interest and your resumé. In your letter, please provide your mailing and email address, phone, interview availability (weekdays), specific reasons why you would like to work at Bass Root Farm, and availability to work the requested schedule. Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview at the farm.

Cherry Connection Enterprises LLC owns an 83.5-acre farm on the Old Mission Peninsula, just north of Traverse City, MI on M-37. We are interested in hiring two summer interns in 2024 to help with general farm work as we begin transitioning to organic cherry farming as part of the Organic Farmer Training Program (OFTP) at Michigan State University. Knowledge/experience with farm equipment and/or organic farming is desirable. On-site housing is available. Starting wages are negotiable and will range in the \$12.00-\$15.00/hour, depending on qualifications. Hours are variable/week over the summer depending on the work to be done. Contact Joanne Westphal, Manager, with a letter of interest and a one-page CV, at the address below.

Dr. Joanne Westphal
3688 Blue Water Road
Traverse City, MI 49686
1-231-649-4080

**Assistant Production
Managers
2 Positions
Full Time 2024**



Slow Farm (<https://slowfarmorganic.com>) is a certified organic diversified U-pick farm devoted to the principles of Slow Food, agroecology, and justice in the food system. Slow Farm's 187 acres are located in SE Michigan, 3 miles north of Ann Arbor, and include woods, native prairie and wetlands.

We focus on heirloom produce and flowers, and provide an organic farm experience demonstrating biodiversity and “closed loop” practices. There are currently approximately 15 cultivated acres at Slow Farm, including 8 acres of perennial or semi-perennial crops. In addition to our Upick operation, we also manage a full season CSA, weekly farmstand, and a number of wholesale accounts.

We are seeking 2 Assistant Production Managers, either a couple or 2 individuals, for the next 2 years. Fill out the application form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ba6xy7t> One position will have a focus on Field Management, one position will have a focus on Harvest Management. These roles are designed for people who have completed at least 2 seasons of full time farm work and would like to take a leadership role in running a complex operation in preparation for owning and managing their own farm.

Assistant Production Managers will train with Farm Managers over the first year, and in the second year will take on the Farm Manager role, overseeing a team of 4-8 people. These positions will run from March to December (or longer).

Job Overview:

The Assistant Production Manager's role is to learn from and work with our Farm Managers to lead and prioritize day-to-day tasks on the farm so that the team is completing what needs to be done to meet the needs of the farm and our upick, wholesale, CSA and retail customers. Farm and Production Managers are responsible for leading the team and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Production Manager Responsibilities include oversight of all aspects of farm production, soil health, financial viability, customer service, and four-season crop planning and production. This role is concerned with meeting production and delivery targets; preventing and managing pests and weeds; irrigation; complying with food safety and organic requirements; operating and maintaining equipment; supervising farm employees; working on farm infrastructure; running our farmstand, Upick, and CSA, and more.

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<http://slowfarmorganic.com>

**Assistant Production
Managers
2 Positions
Full Time 2024**



This position requires strong agricultural skills and farm management experience, skill in operating tractors and other farm implements, a passionate commitment to soil health and closed loop practices, and a focus on growing the highest quality food. This position also requires personal evolution toward equity and self-knowledge, and daily effort toward creating the best possible farm experience for our guests. **NOTE:** We welcome women, BIPOC, and LGBTQ applicants.

Assistant Production Manager Key Responsibilities:

- Learns and then leads four-season crop and succession plans with the team to meet production and financial goals of the farm.
- Gives focused attention to detail and work well done. Sets and upholds expectations for excellent teamwork and farm production.
- Learns to identify and prioritize tasks and weekly labor schedules.
- Identifies, measures, and controls insect and weed pests to prevent crop loss.
- Monitors and improves soil health and fertility to increase farm productivity.
- Operates and maintains our equipment safely and skillfully.
- Maintains and improves the overall farm environment and infrastructure.
- Works in challenging physical conditions, with the ability to kneel, bend, and lift 40 pounds repeatedly and perform repetitive tasks in challenging weather.
- Maintains the highest standards of farm and food safety and NOP requirements.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years of full-season farm work.
- Highest level communication skills along with commitment to working in a team environment with an anti-racist and equity lens.
- History of increasing responsibility, prioritizing, managing and completing tasks.
- Current and unrestricted driver's license.
- Full COVID-19 vaccination and best practices for safety on farm and at home.

Pay/Hours/Schedule

- March through December, 40-45 hours/week with weekend availability.
- \$17-18 hour during 1 month training period. \$18-20/hr upon review with increased responsibility of Production Manager.

Application Process:

- Fill out the application form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ba6xy7t>
- Then send your resume along with the name, phone number, email, and title of at least two relevant professional references whom we may contact to: slowfarmorganic@gmail.com

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**Assistant Production
Managers
2 Positions
Full Time 2024**



Qualified applicants

- Will be contacted for a virtual interview and then may be asked to visit the farm for a half-day working interview.

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This is a farm worker position on a small USDA certified organic and regenerative family farm. The successful candidate will have a chance to work in the fresh air all summer with a very dynamic fun crew, and will be asked to perform job functions from feeding chickens, harvesting vegetables, planting, caring for (trellising, watering, weeding, observing) 56 different varieties of vegetables on 1.5 acres. The work will be various and you will learn A LOT, including agronomy, fertility management, food safety, marketing, and potentially even have the chance to run one of our farm markets! We promise you a summer full of sun, fresh air, great exercise, great veggies, and good pay. Please check us out at thewegerfarm.com, and send your resume to Rob@thewegerfarm.com.



February
2024

GRANTS FOR FARMERS




MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension


Many grant programs are available to provide funding assistance to your farm. Grant application requirements are often outlined in a Request for Proposals (RFP). Be sure to read the RFP carefully before applying to understand the specifications of the grant, what costs are allowable under the grant, the impacts and outcomes the funder is looking for, the reporting requirements, timelines and more.

USDA Value Added Producer Grant		
Funder: USDA Rural Development		
Application Period: Currently open through April 11 (online) or April 16 (paper)		
Amount: up to \$75,000 for planning grants or \$250,000 for working capital grants (100% match) for up to 36 months		
Funds: Processing and/or marketing of bio-based value-added products		
Learn more and apply: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants/mi . Contact Business Programs staff before applying at 517-324-5157 or SM.RD.MI.BCP.SO@usda.gov		
MDARD Value Added and Regional Food Systems Grant		
Funder: MDARD		
Application Period: Expected to be open February - April 2024		
Amount: up to \$100,000 (30% match) for 18-24 months		
Funds: Value-added food processing, food hub development, food access projects		
Learn more and apply: https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/business-development/grantfund/value-added-and-regional-food-systems-grant		


Food and Agriculture Investment Fund Grants

Funder: MDARD	
Application Period: Ongoing	
Amount: varies, past grants \$10,000 -\$250,000	
Funds: Investments in Michigan's agriculture and food processing industries	
Learn more and apply: https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/business-development/grantfund/food-and-agriculture-investment-fund-grants	


Conservation Innovation Grants

Funder: NRCS (National and State programs)	
Application Period: Ongoing	
Amount: varies year-to-year, up to \$2 million	
Funds: On-farm trials or pilot programs of new tools, technology or practices for conservation	
Learn more and apply: https://cig.sc.egov.usda.gov/ (National) https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/cig-conservation-innovation-grants/michigan/conservation-innovation-grants (Michigan)	


Cultivate Growth Grant

Funder: Greenstone Farm Credit Services	
Application Period: Ongoing	
Amount: up to \$1,000 for current customers or up to \$500 for non-customers	
Funds: Young, beginning and small farmers to participate in educational events, professional services (tax, accounting, technology, consulting)	
Learn more and apply: https://www.greenstonefcs.com/resources/cultivategrowth/cultivategrowth-grant	


Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund

Funder: Farmer Veteran Coalition	
Application Period: Currently open through February 14, 2024	
Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000	
Funds: Farmer veterans to purchase farm equipment, feed, livestock, education, etc.	
Learn more and apply: https://farmvetco.org/fvfellowship/	

Brighter Future Fund

Funder: American Farmland Trust	
Application Period: Expected to open mid 2024	
Amount: \$5,000	
Funds: Projects that Improve farm viability; access, transfer, or permanently protect farmland; or adopt regenerative agricultural practices.	
Learn more and apply: https://farmland.org/brighter-future/	

Rodale BIPOC Farmer Mini-Grants

Funder: Rodale Institute	
Application Period: Currently open through February 28, 2024	
Amount: up to \$2,000	
Funds: Many different farm or educational expenses, including equipment for BIPOC farmers who are certified organic or interested in transitioning to organic	
Learn more and apply: https://rodaleinstitute.org/education/bipoc-farmer-micro-grants/	

Specialty Crop Block Grant

Funder: MDARD



Application Period: Expected to open late 2024

Amount: up to \$125,000

Funds: Projects to enhance the competitiveness of Michigan specialty crops; must benefit more than one product or organization - individual organizations are encouraged to participate as project partner

Learn more and apply:
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/business-development/grantfund/specialty-crop-block-grants>

Resilient Food System Infrastructure

Funder: MDARD



Application Period: Expected to open early 2024

Amount: TBD

Funds: Expanded capacity and infrastructure for aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling or distributing targeted local and regional agricultural products

Learn more and apply:
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/business-development/grantfund/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure>

Business Builder Awards

Funder: Great Lakes Midwest Regional Food Business Center

Application Period: Expected to open late 2024

Amount: up to \$100,000

Funds: TBD



Learn more and apply:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/GLM-RFBC/business-builder-awards>

Spark Awards



Funder: Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub



Application Period: Currently open through April 30, 2024

Amount: \$10,000 - \$75,000 for one year

Funds: School food system and marketplace improvements, such as capacity-building, planning, and product testing

Learn more and apply: <https://innovateschoolfood.org/grants/>

Innovation Collaboration Awards



Funder: Great Lakes Midwest Regional Food Business Center



Application Period: Currently open through April 30, 2024

Amount: \$250,000 for 2.5 years

Funds: Farm to school product development, program building, regional partnerships, etc.

Learn more and apply: <https://innovateschoolfood.org/grants/>

SARE Farmer Rancher Grant



Funder: North Central SARE

Application Period: Opens in August. Apply by early December.

Amount: Up to \$15,000 for individual grants or \$30,000 for grants to two or more farmers working as a team for up to 23 months

Funds: On-farm research, demonstration and education projects related to sustainable agriculture

Learn more and apply: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>

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SARE Partnership Grant	
Funder: North Central SARE	
Application Period: Opens in August. Apply by October!	
Amount: Up to \$50,000 for up to 24 months	
Funds: Cooperative projects between agriculture professionals and farmers for on-farm research, demonstration and education projects related to sustainable agriculture	
Learn more and apply: https://northcentral.sare.org/Grants/Apply-for-a-Grant/Partnership-Grant/	

Cost Share and Other Funding Opportunities

Food Safety Certification For Specialty Crops Program - reimburses 50-75% of costs related to food safety certification. Expected to open February 2024 - January 2025. Contact your FSA office for more info.

Environmental Quality Incentives (EQUIP) Program - funds implementation of new conservation practices including high tunnels, pollinator habitat, cover cropping and much more. Currently open through February 9, 2024. Contact your local NRCS office for more information and to apply.

Conservation Stewardship Program - minimum of \$4,000 in funding to build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening your farm. Contact your local NRCS office for more information and to apply.

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Organic Certification Cost Share Program - reimburses 75% of annual organic certification costs up to \$750. Contact your local FSA office for more information.

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