



28 Farms in Illinois

Aquaranch Industries - Myles Harston & Paul Hardej

2011 Grant

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Aquaranch is the only commercial certified organic aquaponic farm in Illinois. They are raising tilapia along with mint, gourmet lettuces, basil and a variety of other seasonal herbs and vegetables. They also have a Sweet Basil and a Lemon Basil Vinaigrette available year round. Myles also designs and consults on aquaponic farming.

Retail Locations: Dill Pickle Co-op Co-op, Farmers Stand, Green Grocer and Fresh Farms in Chicago and Irv & Shelly's Fresh Picks in Niles

Tours available by appointment.

BSRR Youth Center & Academy - Irene Seals

2006 & 2007 Grants

2729 A-S 13810 E. Road in Pembroke Township

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BSRR Youth Center is a training program that teaches kids everything from starting seeds to planting seedlings through harvesting produce and taking it to market. Additionally, they raise poultry for meat and eggs, rabbits for meat and they hope to restart their aquaponic tilapia program. The academy provides horseback riding in the spring, summer and fall. The kids take care of all the farm animals and are also taught to ride horses as an incentive for helping on the farm.

Farmers Markets: Various markets in the Chicagoland area - email Irene for a complete listing

The ranch is open from April to November for horseback riding and tours by appointment.

Broad Branch Farm - Anita and Brian Poeppel

2011 Grant

15848 Twp Road 500 N. in Wyoming

broadbranchfarm@gmail.com or www.broadbranchfarm.com

Blog: <http://broadbranchfarm.blogspot.com/>

Broad Branch seasonal CSA offers organic vegetables, meats and eggs from June through November. During the winter, they occasionally sell winter greens, eggs and meat. (December - May) Their hens and broilers are pasture raised along with their hogs. Their beef is grass fed.

Tours available by appointment.

Cedar Valley Sustainable Farm - Jody and Beth Osmund

2008 & 2009 Grants

1985 N. 3609th Road in Ottawa

cdrvalleyfarm@gmail.com or www.cedarvalleysustainable.com

Cedar Valley offers a year- round CSA of beef, pork, chicken and eggs. In December they also offer spiral hams.

Farmers Market: Logan Square

Retail Locations: Provenance Food & Wine Shops in Logan and Lincoln Squares. They also sell freezer meat at the farm by appointment.

They have 3 to 4 annual events at the farm.

Centennial Farm - Jill Cummings

2011 Grant

708 E. 2300 North Road in Danforth

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At Centennial Farm, they grow 16 varieties of apples and 9 varieties of pears. They have recently planted aronia berries, blueberries, plums, cherries and peaches which should start producing in the next few years. They have plans to start selling apple cider this fall. During the winter months, they sell goat milk soaps.

Farmers Market: Evanston

Dea Dai Organics - Jeff Miller

2008 Grant

415 Flanders Lane in Grayslake

millers@dea-dia.com or www.dea-dia.com

Blog: <http://www.dea-dia.com/newsletters-blog/>.

Dea Dia's certified organic CSA runs from the spring through the fall with vegetables and eggs, with three drop off locations in the northern suburbs (Grayslake, Lake Bluff and Deerfield). They also sell eggs year round

Farmers Market: Deerfield

Dickman's Farm Fresh Poultry & Eggs – JoAnn Dickman

2004 & 2006 Grants

6480 S. 14000 West Road in Herscher

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Dickman's sells fresh chickens from April through October. All the chickens that they raise are free range with all feed mixed on the farm using organic and non GMO grains. Specialty products include: chicken apple, chicken garlic, and mild Italian chicken sausages, chicken bratwurst and lightly seasoned chicken patties. Additionally, they have frozen chicken available year round.

Farmers Markets: Check web site for locations - 3 to 4 per week. They also sell from the farm by appointment.

Tours are available by appointment from April through October.

Faith's Farm, Inc. - Kim Snyder

2011 Grant

1227 N. 8000W Road in Bonfield

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Faith's Farm raises Berkshire and Hampshire hogs, Belted Calloway, Angus and Hereford cattle, Bourbon Red turkeys and Barred Rock chickens from birth/hatch to butcher. They sell beef, pork, chicken, turkey, lard and dog food year round.

Farmers Markets: Chicago Botanic Garden and the 61st Street Market

Retail Locations: Green Grocer and City Provisions in Chicago. They also sell from the farm by appointment.

Tours are available by appointment.

Fox Prairie Farm Boer Goats – Ann Getzelman

2010 Grant

14 N. 326 Getzelman Road in Hampshire

ann@foxprairiefarm.com or www.foxprairiefarm.com

Fox Prairie sells USDA frozen Chevon (goat meat) year round. They also sell breeding stock.

Farmers Market: Batavia

Retail Locations: Farm Direct Black Angus in Maple Park, IL

Gary Comer Youth Center Rooftop Garden and Youth Farm - Margie Hess

2009 Grant

7200 S. Ingleside Ave. in Chicago

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The Gary Comer Youth Farm is just one part of this program. Their garden and culinary program provides hands-on experience for their students in all aspects of a "seed-to-table" urban organic farm. The farm has grown to include 4 gardens, which in 2010, produced 1,200 pounds of produce that was used in their hands-on culinary program, distributed weekly to the community through their "Harvest Tables" and to several Chicagoland restaurants. With the addition of their new 1.75 acre site across from the center, they hope to be able to start selling produce, herbs and flowers to the public this year. Email Margie for more details.

Tours are available by appointment.

Genesis Growers - Vicki Westerhoff

2005 & 2008 Grants

8373 W. 3000 S Road in Saint Anne

genesisgrowers@comcast.net or www.genesisgrowers.com

Genesis sells certified organic produce and herbs. Their CSA runs every other week in the spring and weekly in the summer and fall. Off season they sell root crops, winter squash and some greens.

Farmers Markets: Oak Park, Green City and 61st Street

Retail Locations: Green Grocer, Downtown Farmstand, Dill Pickle Co-op Co-op

Tours are available by appointment.

Grassroots Farm - Lindsey and Gail Carpenter

2010 Grant

750 Drury Court in Gurnee

farmer@grassrootsfarmllc.com or www.grassrootsfarmllc.com

Grassroots' organic vegetable and herb CSA runs from the 3rd week in June to the 1st week in October. They also accept custom grow orders. New for 2011, they'll be offering pork by the half and eggs. They have two drop off locations - one in Andersonville and the other in Madison, WI

Farmers Market: Andersonville

Tours are available by appointment.

Growing Home - Tegan Brace

2005 Grant

Wood Street Urban Farm in Chicago & Les Brown Memorial Farm in Marseilles

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Growing Home's CSA offers organic vegetables. During the winter, they sell CSA shares plus they usually have honey and specialty greens. 100% of the proceeds from their CSA fund their job training programs. They offer weekly direct farm sales from both locations.

Farmers Markets: Green City year round and occasionally at markets in the Englewood neighborhood.

Retail Locations: Dill Pickle Co-op and occasionally at the Green Grocer in Chicago

Weekly tours are available at Wood Street Urban Farm. Les Brown Memorial Farm has a Spring Field Tour and a Harvest Festival.

Harrison Market Gardens - Jill Beyer

2011 Grant

9024 Harrison Road in Winnebago

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Harrison Market Gardens operates a U-Pick series of gardens that grow veggies and strawberries using organic methods. They offer weekly and bi-weekly U-Pick shares.

Farmers Market: Arboretum in South Barrington, IL

Heartland Meats - Pat Sondgeroth

2004 Grant

204 E. US Hwy 52 in Mendota

jp@heartlandmeats.com or www.heartlandmeats.com

Heartland raises, processes and sells all cuts of Piedmontese Beef. They also offer holiday gift boxes, rib roasts and whole tenderloins, which they ship via UPS. Gift certificates are also available.

Farmers Markets: Green City year round, Evanston, Mount Prospect and Oak Park. Additionally, they sell direct from their facility which is located 2 miles south of the farm.

Retail Locations: Dill Pickle Co-op, Hyde Park Produce, Naturally Yours in Peoria and Normal

Tours are available by appointment.

Knutson's Country Harvest - Dennis Knutson

2011 Grant

13550 Townhouse Road in Newark

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Knutson's Country Harvest is a U-Pick orchard with a wide variety of apples, peaches and berries along with vegetables and herbs. They also produce a line of jams, jellies, pies, pickles and syrups, which they sell at their store. Check their web site for store and U-Pick hours. Off season they sell their product line along with honey, wheatgrass and microgreens.

Tours are available by appointment.

Little Farm on the Prairie - Larry and Lisa McWilliams

2008 Grant

25474 E. 1600 North Road in Saumemin

macsof10@yahoo.com or www.littlefarmontheprairie.com

Little Farm on the Prairie sells eggs and chickens (whole & cut up) year- round and turkeys at Thanksgiving. You can buy direct from the farm by appointment.

Retail locations: Country Market in Pontiac, Gibson City, Champaign, Monticello, Cub Foods in Bloomington and Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury.

Tours are available by appointment.

Montalbano Farms - Rob Montalbano

2011 Grant

17551 Frazier Road in Sandwich

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Montalbano's 20 week produce CSA starts in the late Spring. The shares include greens, peppers, tomatoes, squash, root vegetables, herbs and alliums. For a complete listing, contact Rob.

Farmers Markets: Logan Square and Glenwood Sunday Market

Retail Locations: Dill Pickle Co-op and Green Grocer in Chicago

Tours are available by appointment and they offer CSA workers shares.

Nature's Choice Farm - Eric and Samantha Sexton

2010 & 2011 Grants

9445 E. 5000N in Grant Park

natureschoicefarm@yahoo.com or www.natureschoicefarm.com

Nature's Choice sells grass-fed beef, pasture raised poultry, eggs and pork. They offer full share and half share in both the Meat and Egg CSA's. Most of their products are available year round.

Farmers Markets: Frankfort in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Bolingbrook in the Summer and Fall. They also have a CSA drop off location in Sauganash Park, plus they sell at the farm by appointment.

Mini Tours are available by appointment.

Peasants' Plot - Julia and Todd McDonald

2010 & 2011 Grants

2047 W. 10000N Road in Manteno

Julia@peasantsplot.com or www.peasantsplot.com

Peasants' Plot offers a 20 week CSA of organic vegetables which they deliver to 4 Chicagoland drop off locations in Lincoln Square, North Center, Bucktown and Wicker Park. Off season they offer gift certificates for full shares or \$20 gift cards for a "One Week Ration" at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market. Julia designed the certificates to look like a seed packet. They also sell 2 pound bags of storage potatoes in a Peasants' Plot burlap bag, silk screened canvas shoulder bags for market shopping and wooden market baskets designed and built by Todd. If you've always wanted to try your hand at farming, they offer a workers share program that trades your labor for vegetables.

Farmers Market: Lincoln Square

Tours are available by appointment.

Pleasant Meadows - Justin Kilgus

2007 Grant

21471 E. 670 North Road in Fairbury

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Pheasant Meadows sells Boer goat meat and milk fed pork at the farm year round.

Tours are available by appointment Monday through Saturday.

Sandhill Organics - Peg & Matt Sheaffer

2006 Grant

32140 Harris Road in Grayslake

info@sandhillorganics.com or www.sandhillorganics.com

Blog: sandhillorganics.blogspot.com

Sandhill sells certified organic vegetables and herbs. Their CSA runs from early May to late November and includes vegetables and fruits.

Farmers Market: Oak Park

Tours are available by appointment.

Slagel Family Farm - LouisJohn Slagel

2010 Grant

23601 E 600 N. Road in Fairbury

slagelmeats@live.com or www.slagelfamilyfarm.com

Slagel Family Farm raises and processes all natural beef, pork, lamb, goat, chicken, duck and eggs. They have a once a month, year round meat CSA. They also sell via their butcher shop and web site.

Retail Locations: Slagel Butcher Shop in Forrest, IL, Butcher & Larder in Chicago and soon, at the Publican Quality Meats Butcher Shop.

This spring, they'll start hosting farm tours/dinners.

South Pork Ranch - Donna OShaughnessy

2010 Grant

32796 E. 750 N. Road in Chatsworth

opies99@gmail.com or www.south-pork-ranch.com

Blog: <http://midlifefarmwife.blogspot.com>

South Pork Ranch sells certified organic dairy, pork and beef. The beef and dairy herd is 100% grass-fed and they sell raw milk and Red Wattle boar meat direct from their farm store. The farm store is open every day except Thursdays and Sundays from 10am to 5pm. They do offer gift certificates. Starting in the Fall of 2011, they will sell raw honey. Handmade soaps and organic Red Wattle lard will be available in the Winter of 2011.

Farmers Markets: Coming in 2011 - check the web site

Retail Locations: Green Grocer in Chicago, Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury, Naturally Yours Grocery Stores in Normal and Peoria

Tours are available by appointment.

Spence Farm - Marty, Kris and Will Travis

2007 & 2008 Grants

2959 N. 2100 E Road in Fairbury

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Blog: <http://spencefarm.blogspot.com>

Spence Farm sells heirloom vegetables and sustainable wild harvested items. During the winter, they have fresh milled whole wheat flour and cornmeal.

The farm hosts numerous education programs during the year. They also host an annual Harvest Feast Tasting Dinner as a fundraiser for their not- for- profit Spence Farm Foundation. Check out their web site for more information.

Retail Locations: Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury

Teresa's Fruit and Herbs/Sunny Lane Farm - Teresa Santiago

2006 & 2009 Grants

302 W. Sunny Lane in Eureka

teresajeans@msn.com or www.sunnylanearonia.com

Teresa's sells organic fruits and herbs with a concentration on aronia berries and aronia products. During the winter, she sells aronia juice, jams and jellies along with some herbal teas including aronia berry tea. Aronia products are also available through her web site.

Farmers Markets: Evanston

Retail Locations: Irv and Shelly's Fresh Picks for aronia jams and jellies.

Van Laar's Fruit Farm - Brian and July Van Laar

2009 & 2010 Grants

7760 Coon Trail Road in Capron

vanlaarfruit@sharontelephone.com

Van Laar's grows berries, peaches, apples, tomatoes, sweet corn, wheat and eggs. They offer U-Pick for strawberries and apples. All their produce can be purchased at the farm by appointment. Off season they sell wheat berries and hard red winter wheat.

Farmers Markets: Edgebrook in Rockford and Beloit in Wisconsin

Tours are available by appointment.

Walnut Acres Family Farm - Robin Jameson

2010 Grant

294 Baseline Road in Walnut

walnutacres@walnut4meat.com or www.walnut4meat.com

Walnut Acres sells naturally raised beef, pork, chicken and eggs. They offer a year round customizable CSA to fit your family's needs. Lisle, Batavia, Elgin, Yorkville, Ottawa, Streator, Moline and Walnut are all drop-off locations for their CSA. They are offering a \$15 discount on first time orders if you mention "Frontera Farmer Foundation".

Farmers Market: Ottawa once a month.

Tours are available by appointment.