



# Organic Farming Certificate Program

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# Our Program

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- Designed to prepare farmers to operate a farm or community food system.
- After completing the program students will be qualified to run a small-scale farm, work with existing farmers and advocate for local food systems
- The program strives to help students explore other career opportunities within the food movement, including small farm management, food hub and distribution management, oversight and management of community gardens, operating farmers markets, creating value added products,



# Our Organic Farming Practicum Series

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- Fall and Winter Practicum focus on soils, business planning, and 4 season growing
- Classes combine in class learning with outdoor education on the farm



# Fall and Winter

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# Spring and Summer Practicum

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# Adaptation and resiliency

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- This is our dry farming field. We do not irrigate here. We plant varieties bred for dry farming. In the face of changing water patterns and the difficulty in obtaining water rights we developed this demonstration field to show students how to farm



# Innovation

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# Thinking outside the box

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- The rabbit population went up this year
- Hired Sky Guardians to help with our rabbit problem and to show students an alternative way to do pest abatement





# Listening to what students want

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- In Winter practicum, students design their "Future Farms". After listening to the students present their farm plans it became apparent that they wanted to have farms that grew things other than mixed vegetables.
- We modified an existing herb



# Flowers

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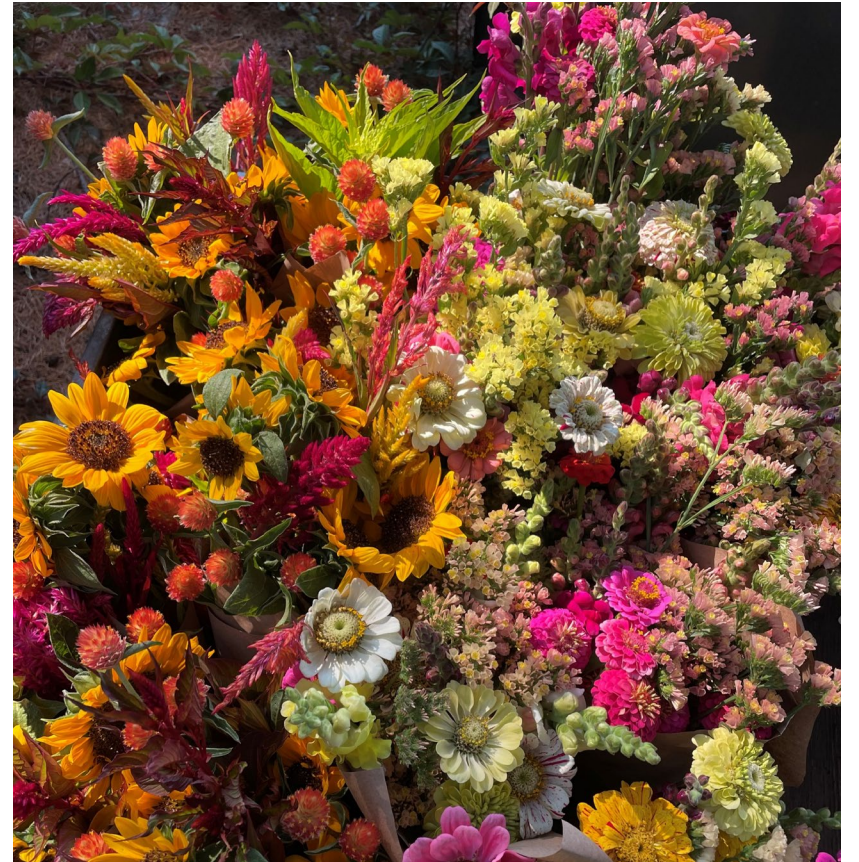
- Last summer we started our flower program
- We grew, harvested, and made bouquets to sell at our market and to our CSA program



# Cut flower classes 2025

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- This year we are adding one new class to our program and reviving another
- Spring Cut flower farming (new)
- Fall Flower Arrangers Garden (reviving because of renewed interest)



# Summer Camp

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- Teaching high school students how to farm, plan gardens, and grow food
- 10% come back to CCC to take other classes in Horticulture

