



## Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association



# Market Gardening Chapter

The popularity of Jean Martin Fortier's book "The Market Gardener" has encouraged an influx of new sustainable, intensive vegetable and flower producers that grow on a small scale without tractors; and market mostly to farmer's markets, restaurants and CSA's. These can be urban farms or rural farms; most are under 2 acres.

Dayton Urban Grown Cooperative's Training Farm has blended this model with regenerative and permaculture principles incorporating no-till, hedgerows, cover crops, aerobic compost tea and inoculants to encourage diverse habitat for microbial and insect populations. The Cooperative has also been training new farmers and connecting existing producers to educational opportunities and resources. We connect to share equipment and experience, pool orders for supplies, sell produce together for larger orders, hold joint farm tours and share staffing at markets to some extent.

We have formed an OEFFA Chapter to further connect market gardeners throughout OEFFA's membership in order to share ideas and experience while learning from each other. We hold meetings/potlucks with educational speakers and host an online forum for members to share questions, experiences and to make connections.

We envision compiling a tool library/resource list for market gardeners in communities throughout Ohio in order to encourage rental or sharing between members. Many in our membership have an interest in food justice and educating the public on healthy food choices. These and other focused interest groups are encouraged to form within the chapter.

Our focus is on supporting Market Gardeners, some community education, but also to provide a unified voice within the local food movement to make our concerns and interests known to local governing agencies.

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