

# Good Root Growers

## 2018 Statement of Grower Practices

Good Root Growers is dedicated to producing healthy plants following organic agricultural practices. However, we are not certified organic at this time. No petro-chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides are ever used in our growing practices.

### Vegetable & Herb Seeds

We source seeds from a variety of high quality seed producers. Certified organic seeds are chosen wherever possible and heirloom varieties are preferred. A small number of herbs are started from plugs sourced from Hillcrest Nursery (certified organic grower in Manchester, MD). All seeds for edibles are from non-GMO verified sources. 2018 seeds for edibles were sourced from the following suppliers: Baker's Creek, Everwilde, Fedco, High Mowing, Madeline Shaw, Johnny's, Jordon's, Seed Savers Exchange, Territorial, Totally Tomato.

### Soils & Fertilizers

Sustainable local potting soil is sourced from Mississippi Top Soil (Cold Springs, MN) used by many local certified organic growers. It contains all natural compost, peat, and perlite. Additional Vermiculite (OMRI listed) may be added to improve soil composition for specific planting applications. We use Sustane (OMRI listed) as an all-purpose granulated slow release fertilizer. We may also supplement with Drammatic ONE (OMRI listed) liquid fish emulsion.

### Supplemental Applications

Beneficial nematodes or beneficial insects (i.e. ladybugs), or neem oil may be used on occasion as natural insecticides/fungicides or organism soil builders within the greenhouse.

Our business is based on customer satisfaction – providing high quality culinary vegetables and herb plants along with exceptional customer service. If you have any questions or concerns about our growing practices or this statement please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Our door is always open! ALL visitors are welcome to greenhouse and we appreciate your calls.

Happy Growing!  
Sue Gerlach

