

Good Root Growers

2021 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. We are pollinator advocates with 10 acres dedicated to Monarch habitat and bee hives. 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 whenever possible and heirloom varieties are preferred. A small number of herbs are started from plugs or plant cuttings sourced from Hillcrest Nursery (certified organic grower in Manchester, MD). All seeds for edibles are from non-GMO verified sources. 2021 seeds for edibles were sourced from the following suppliers: Amkhaseed, Baker Creek, Etsy, Everwilde, Fedco, High Mowing, Johnny's, Jordan's, Seed Savers Exchange, Seeds N Such, Territorial, Totally Tomato.

Soils, Fertilizers & Moss

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 is added to improve soil composition and water retention. 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.

Long-fibered Sphagnum moss is used to line our herb baskets. This renewable resource is sustainably and locally grown by Mosser Lee in Millston, Wisconsin. Due to limited availability, this year additionally sourced from Super Moss.

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 please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Visitors are most welcome to the greenhouse as well as calls.

Happy Growing!
Sue Gerlach

