

Good Root Growers

2023 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 host honeybee hives on farm. No petro-chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides are ever used in our growing practices.

Vegetable & Herbs

Seeds are sourced 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 sourced as plugs from Hillcrest Nursery (certified organic grower in Manchester, MD) or started as cuttings from our own plants stock. All seeds for edibles are from non-GMO verified sources. 2023 seeds for edibles were sourced from the following suppliers: Baker Creek, Fedco, Hazzards, High Mowing, Johnny's, Jordon's, Seed Savers Exchange, Seeds N Such, Territorial, Totally Tomato, TomatoFest, Urban Farmer.

Inputs

Sustainable local potting soil is sourced from Mississippi Top Soil (Cold Springs, MN). It is 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 and supplement with Drammatic ONE (OMRI listed) liquid fish emulsion.

Applications

Beneficial nematodes, 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 vegetables, herb plants and ornamentals. As a small grower we try to offer a personal touch with all we do. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Visitors are most welcome.

Happy Growing!
Sue Gerlach

