Comprehensive Produce Growing

Hone Skills
Develop Planting Strategies
Understand Weeds and Diseases

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March 20th- Flint
March 21st- Novi
9 AM – 4 PM
$35 FULL DAY
$20 HALF DAY

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Has This Ever Happened to You?

This class is good for anyone interested in growing produce. You do a good job of producing fresh, quality, wholesome produce, but there’s always that one crop that doesn’t always grow like it should. Or no matter what you change, or how you fertilize, one area of your field always grows poorly. Those are the situations that the Urban Farmer Tune-up will address. You’ll find practical information that can have a real difference on your bottom line.

- FIND OUT ABOUT COVER CROPS
- TWEAK HANDLING FOR SHELF LIFE
- ADD WEEKS TO YOUR SEASON
- LEARN ABOUT KEY PESTS

By the end of this training you are sure to walk away with at least one thing that will help you grow more, better.

Morning Track

What lies beneath: Urban soils and preparing a new site for Planting - You already know to test your soil, but what else is there besides basic nutrition? Join us to discover the rest of the story.

Extending the season - You may be using successional planting and small hoops to add to your season, but not all plants work well. Find out tips and tricks that can help increase your chances of success.

Cover crops to build the soil - Unsure of the best cover crop to fit your soil or crop rotation? Learn what different cover crops can do and how they all fit into your growing plan.

Food safety & post-harvest handling - Is there a buyer asking that you be food safety certified? We’ll introduce some simple things you can do that might open markets and add days to the life of your produce.

Afternoon Track

Damage control: Tweak your cropping system to minimize pest problems - Get up to speed on good cultural practices that reduce chances pests will be a problem in the first place. Find out how you can use host plant resistance, trap cropping, pest exclusion, and encouraging beneficials to help keep pests in check.

Tactics for disease management - Growing organic or reduced pesticide use crops can prove to be challenging on years with weather conducive to disease development. Adjust your cropping system by creating a disease management strategy to minimize disease development.

Organic Weed Management Practices for Urban and Peri-urban Vegetable Growers - Learn how scouting, prevention, cultural, mechanical, chemical (non-synthetic) and biological weed management practices suited to urban production can improve the yield and quality of vegetable crops.

A year in a managed honey bee colony - Approaches honey bee management from the perspective of the colony throughout a calendar year.

Register for the whole day $35 (includes lunch)
Morning or afternoon only $20