

NORTHERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Fauquier Education Farm 8428 Meetze Rd. Warrenton, VA 20188

Visit Date- Spring 2021

Bio- The Fauquier Education Farm was created in 2010 to develop a program of agricultural education and grow fresh produce for lower income residents. This organization serves as a laboratory to pilot new techniques as well as to provide continuing agricultural education to interested citizens. Their programs are conducted to serve existing farmers, beginning farmers, students, and residents of the community. This education component has included: 1) The Beginning Farmer Program; 2) Agricultural Best Practices; 3) Workshop Series and, 4) Field Trips for school classes and other groups. Fresh produce grown on the Farm is distributed to local food banks for those who need it the most. In 2017 over 60,000 pounds of produce was grown and distributed. Crops growing this summer include squash, watermelon, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, cantaloupe, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, peppers, sweet potatoes, eggplant and tomatoes. They are proud to support food needs in our community.



Notes:

- They offer several programs that focus on training individuals in farming techniques that range from volunteer workdays, demonstrations, workshops, and a beginner farmer program
- They are mostly supported by volunteer workers (>200) and those that come to learn
- The majority of funding comes from donations through fundraising events and grant funds followed by governments
- All produce grown on the farm is given to local food pantries to feed as many people in need as possible
- They have constructed a new greenhouse to increase the number of plants they can germinate
- Maintaining enough volunteer support to plant and harvest the crops is a constant challenge
- **They are currently growing 70,000lbs of food and are hoping to increase their crop yield to 80,000lbs**

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