

26th Street Farm

26th Street Farm, Hastings, Nebraska, was founded in 2012 by Hannah Keen and Will Boal.



Located on the periphery of Hastings, Nebraska, this diversified herb and vegetable farm currently occupies one acre with room to grow. Although we are not yet certified organic, 26th Street Farm adheres to sustainable practices and organic guidelines, and utilizes such methods as beneficial insect plantings, green cover crops, and honeybee colonies to enhance pollination and yields. We specialize in heirloom produce. The farm offers a 20-week CSA and a stand at Highland Park Farmer's Market in Hastings.

They think local food/products are important because:

We have a passion for growing, cooking, and eating local, seasonal produce.

Although Hastings is a relatively small town, we are trying to show that the small scale farming/CSA model can thrive without a large urban setting. Our customers value that their food dollars directly support a small farm in their community, and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many people in our community. The CSA model in particular lends financial stability for us, which enables us to commit to high-quality produce at fair prices. Most importantly, farming affirms our commitment to soil and water stewardship, and we believe that growing and eating locally connects us all to the land where we live.



Local products are a priority in both of our lives, largely stemming from the farmer's market culture that we have both experienced as interns on larger, established farms throughout the United States over the past several years.

26th Street Farm joined Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska in 2012, they joined because:



By joining Buy Fresh Buy Local, we partner with an organization that has a rich heritage of supporting and endorsing local producers. Our presence in the 2012 Food Guide has already benefited 26th Street Farm. As a new start-up, the exposure we receive there has immensely helped us and so many of our small farm-colleagues connect to the local economy, and our community. The network created by BFBL is especially important, as it creates a network of threads between all of the producers in our state, which allows us to constantly learn and be inspired by each other, and allows us to see and share all of the wonderful goods people are creating in this state. We also love distributing the local food guides, as it truly exposes someone to a 'whole new Nebraska' when they realize that all of these people are providing local goods in our state.

For more information on 26th Street Farm visit their website at: <http://26thstreetfarm.com/> or their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/26thStreetFarm>.

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