

Our Mission

Educating and engaging the community through farm, food and health.

Montclair Community Farms is a local non-profit. Our mission is to serve as a local hands-on resource that engages and educates the community through urban farming, affordable food access and healthy living. At the heart of Montclair Community Farms is its Coalition, partners, and community volunteers.

More information about our Mobile farmstand schedule can be found on our website:

<https://www.montclaircommunityfarms.org/mobile-farm-stand>

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**Farmpreneurs:
Youth Entrepreneurship**

Seed to Sale

Supporting local grains through USDA

Montclair Community Farms Coalition and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County 4-H program were awarded a three year U.S. Department of Agriculture Local Food Promotion Program grant in order to stimulate demand for local organic small grains. Through the sale of value-added products developed by our Farmers we can strengthen the local food system and improve income and economic opportunities for NJ farmers and youth entrepreneurs.

Every year, this project will lead youth through entrepreneurship projects from seed to sale. Youth will support the marketing, distribution, and sale of value-added products (e.g. pizza, bread, tomato sauce, pickles and more). These products are sold on Montclair Community Farms Mobile Farm Stand, farmers markets, an online marketplace, and agritourism events.



Our Youth



1) Organic grains taste better! Farmers grow a diverse variety of wheat and other grains that go straight from the field to your plate! There are no additives, and local grains have an interesting and a more complex flavor. Organic grains are not processed in the same way as conventional grains making their nutritional value higher and "alive".

2) Local grains are helping to build healthier soil! Growing grains can help prevent soil erosion, and builds soil fertility by adding organic matter and other nutrients to soil. This also traps carbon from the atmosphere into the soil to help reverse the effects of climate change.

3) Supporting local grains rebuilds regional food systems and the local economy!

Small grain operations help provide local job opportunities to budding farmers, millers, manufacturers, retailer operators, and food artisans.

For additional information on the North East Grain Movement visit :

<https://www.growwnc.org/grains>

3 Reasons Purchasing Local Organic Grains Matters: