

PATROON LAND FARM

A project of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

132 Ketcham Road
Voorheesville, NY 12186

About the Patroon Land Farm

The Regional Food Bank, in partnership with the Patroon Land Foundation, manages the Patroon Land Farm to grow large quantities of produce for distribution to the Food Bank's member agencies. We have 14 acres under cultivation, where we grow all kinds of vegetables from broccoli to zucchini. Volunteers play an important role in the Farm and enable us to grow and distribute over 100,000 pounds of food each year—the healthiest, freshest food available, straight from the Farm to the tables of those in need.

Volunteer Hours

- Volunteer shifts must be scheduled in advance.
- Both individuals and groups are welcome.
- Shifts are available 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. every day except Thursday.
- Two-hour shifts are recommended since working in the sun can be tiring.
- Contact Laura Martin to schedule a shift: 786-3691, x234 or lauram@regionalfoodbank.net

Farm Details

- The Farm Manager's name is Mark Weinheimer. His cell number is 339-5726. Feel free to call him if the weather is bad and you're not sure if you should still go out.
- Wear sneakers or other closed-toe shoes.
- Wear long pants and a hat, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
- There is not a lot of shade on the Farm. Sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended.
- Sanitary facilities are limited. There is a port-a-john on the premises with a hand washing sink.
- We have bottled water available, but it is not always cold. Volunteers may wish to bring their own water and lunch or a snack.
- Volunteers must stay clear of machinery that is operating in the fields.
- Much of the Farm is surrounded by deer fence and temporary stock fence. These fences are electrified. Do not touch the fences! (Volunteers rarely work the outer perimeters of the fields so this is not really an issue, but we have to let people know anyway.)
- The work you will do will depend on what is happening at the Farm that day. It could be picking rocks, weeding, harvesting, or washing and packing produce. Whatever you do will help put food on the tables of people in need, so it is work worth doing!

Monthly Activity Calendar and Directions appear on page two.

Farm Volunteer Activity Calendar
All activities are dependent on the weather

Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Days Available for Volunteers	By Arrangement	By Arrangement	Check w/ Vol Coord	Check w/ Vol Coord	Mon-Sun 9-3	Mon-Sun 9-3, Thurs by Arrangement	Mon-Sun 9-3, Thurs by Arrangement	Mon-Sun 9-3, Thurs by Arrangement	Mon-Sun 9-3, Thurs by Arrangement	Mon-Sun 9-3, Thurs by Arrangement	Check w/ Vol Coord	
Fund Raising												
CSA Administration												
Cleaning, Painting and Repairing Machinery and Buildings												
Landscape and Fence Maintenance												
Farm Construction Projects												
Planting in Flats												
Picking Stones												
Setting Plants in the Field												
Weeding, Hoeing and Thinning Plants in the Field												
Harvesting Produce												
Washing Produce												
Packing and Sorting Produce												
Making Up Boxes												
Washing Buckets												
Hosting CSA Pickers												

Skilled Activities

Fund Raising	By arrangement with Bob Baker (786-3691, x296)
CSA Administration	By arrangement with Bob Baker (786-3691, x296)
Machinery Repair/Fabrication	By arrangement with Farm Manager (Mark Weinheimer 339-5726)
Land Clearing	By arrangement with Farm Manager (Mark Weinheimer 339-5726)
Surveying and Mapping	By arrangement with Farm Manager (Mark Weinheimer 339-5726)
Fence Installation	By arrangement with Farm Manager (Mark Weinheimer 339-5726)

Note: We do not advance schedule volunteers for specific activities at the farm. Work depends on the weather and the growing schedule. We appreciate your flexibility.

Directions to the Patroon Land Farm

132 Ketcham Road | Voorheesville, NY 12186

From Schenectady

Take Rt. 890 east to Exit 9B (Rt. 146).

Turn Left onto Rt. 146 (Carman Road).

Go about 4 miles to intersection of Rts. 20 & 146.

Turn Left on Rt. 20 & 146 for .5 miles.

Turn Right onto Rt. 146. Stay on 146 about 5.5 miles into Altamont. Go straight through Altamont bearing right up the hill onto Rt. 156 at the Stewart's Shop.

Go 2.7 miles and turn left on Rt. 157 (Thompson's Lake Road).

Go 1.7 miles and turn Left on County Route 256 (Ketcham Road).

Farm is 1 mile down the road on the left.

From Albany

Take I-90 to Exit 4.

Merge onto Rt. 85.

After about 4 miles, turn right at the light staying on Rt. 85.

Go 7.7 miles through New Salem and turn right onto Rt. 157.

Stay on 157 through Thacher Park. Take first right after leaving the park onto Ketcham Road (County Rt. 256).

Farm is 1 mile down the road on the right.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Food Bank's Volunteer Department

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