

Our Story . . .

Our farm began as a hobby as we began to grow juicy fruits and vegetables in our spare time. As we progressed to the final stages of our previous professional careers, we decided that farming was where we would like to direct our retirement time, efforts, and attention full-time, thus leading to the establishment of Botanical Bites & Provisions.

We focus on sustainably producing and selling a wide range of wholesome fruits, flavorful vegetables, healthy herbs, apiary products, and beautiful cut flowers, naturally free of pesticides and herbicides to local consumers through an on-farm marketplace. In 2015, the Small Farm Outreach Program at Virginia State University's Department of Agriculture awarded us the distinction of being awarded the coveted title, "*2015 Small Farmers of the Year.*" We currently serve as mentors to beginning small farmers participating in the VSU Small Farm Outreach Program, serve on Advisory Boards for the Small Farm Outreach Program at VSU, the Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition, and assist the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability (VA FAIRS).

About Our Business

Our business goal is to successfully produce and sell natural and healthy, sustainable local produce and goods, while promoting good nutrition while positively impacting our area's agricultural and local goods movement. We recently have branched out into producing natural cosmetic and personal care products made from beeswax that will form the basis of this new product line. Using our beeswax, honey, herbs, and oils, we plan to produce a variety of soaps, lip balms, lotions, and herbal salves.

We accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and major credit/debit cards.



Other Affiliations

Botanical Bites & Provisions, LLC is a member of the:

1. **Fredericksburg Food Co-op** (<http://fredericksburgfoodcoop.com/>). The Fredericksburg Food Co-op is in the process of becoming a full service member-owned grocery store. Almost half-way to its membership goal, it's focus will be on supplying locally grown and locally sourced products and will offer a great selection of organic and natural foods and household products.

The Co-op's aim is to implement the most environmentally sustainable practices in all aspects of our operation and to join others in working toward positive environmental goals for our community.



2. **Virginia 2017, 2018, and 2019 Green & Clean Certified Grower**, further bolstering our sustainable and natural claims through participation in the Water Quality Agreement Program.



3. **Farmer Veteran Coalition** (<http://www.farmvetco.org/>) and **Homegrown by Heroes Program**

- a. The Mission of Farmer Veteran Coalition is Mobilizing Veterans to Feed America
- b. Homegrown By Heroes (HBH) is the official farmer veteran branding program of America.



4. **Virginia Grown** (<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/vagrown/>). Virginia Grown is a product of the Virginia Department of Agriculture that markets and promotes fresh, local Virginia products to consumers.



5. **Virginia Farm Bureau** (<https://www.vafb.com/>), whose mission is to work on behalf of Virginia's farmers, making sure farming and agriculture can continue to prosper and improve the lives of all Virginians.



6. Gateway Beekeepers Association

<http://gatewaybeekeepers.org/>

Gateway Beekeepers Association is a non-profit organization formed to promote and further the interests and the well-being of apiculture and related industries. The Association strives to understand both the art and science of beekeeping, with an emphasis on educating others about this vital agricultural link. Gateway Beekeepers Association is a diverse group of dedicated citizens linked together by the magnificent honeybee.



7. Minority & Veteran Farmers of the Piedmont

(<http://www.MVFPVA.org>), is a dedicated group of minority and veteran farmers located in Virginia's Piedmont region whose mission is to educate communities about sustainable and scalable agricultural practices through providing educational workshops, providing training in local schools to inspire youth to consider agricultural careers. We also work to motivate veterans, minorities, and other farmers to assist in our mission to expand community access to local healthy farm products.

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"A Marketplace for Healthy Foods, Luscious Plants, Apiary Products, and Beautiful Flowers"

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