

Growing Growers Storage Crop Workshop

Join KRC on August 17, 2015, from 4 - 7 pm, for a Storage Crop Workshop at Spring Creek Farm, in Baldwin City, Kansas. This event is part of the Growing Growers 2015 Market Farming Workshop Series, and is sponsored by the Kansas Rural Center. The cost of the workshop is \$5.

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Lately there has been a lot of interest in season extension, particularly high tunnel production, which allows crops to be grown beyond their typical growing season to the point that there is no "off-season." But, winter production comes with its challenges. If you are interested in extending your income-generating season without the hassle of growing and harvesting in the depths of winter, storage crops are an option to consider.

This traditional method of season extension takes advantage of the standard growing season, but then involves storing crops in sheltered facilities and selling them throughout the winter. There are numerous crops that can be stored well into the winter months - some require little more than a basement or pantry - while others can be left in the ground and harvested throughout the winter.

For increased variety and extended storage, Coolbot technology allows growers to build walk-in coolers for a fraction of the cost. Common storage crops include sweet potatoes, winter squash, potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, beets, turnips, cabbage, brussel sprouts, apples and many more.

To learn more about storage crops and methods for storing them, plan to attend the August 17 Growing Growers Storage Crop workshop. To register, visit:

<http://kansasruralcenter.org/growing-growers-market-farming-workshop-storage-crops/>.

The workshop will take place at Spring Creek Farm, in Baldwin City, Kansas, and will include a presentation by Dan Phelps, Activity Coordinator for the Kansas Rural Center, followed by a farm tour hosted by farm owners Tom Maiorana and Stephanie Thomas. They will discuss their production systems, including high tunnels, as well as offering an in-depth look at how they produce and store storage crops. A tour of Spring Creek Farm's storage facilities, which include a curing room, an earth berm storage room, and a walk-in cooler, will be part of the workshop.



Stephanie Thomas and Tom Maiorano, Spring Creek Farm

This Storage Crop Workshop is part of the Growing Growers 2015 Market Farming Workshop Series. For more information about these workshops, visit: <http://www.growinggrowers.org/workshops.html>.

Growing Growers is a collaborative effort of K-State Research and Extension, University of Missouri Extension, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension, the Kansas Rural Center, KC Food Circle, and Cultivate KC. Growing Growers works to increase the production of local food by helping new and existing producers grow their businesses. For more information on their programs, go to: www.growinggrowers.org.