Meet the Farmer Cecilia Redding, Down2Earth Farms

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After 25 years in the food and beverage industry, Cecilia Redding swapped out her office for 143 acres of land she bought in Orange County and began a new career: farming. She has put down new roots at Down2Earth Farms as part of a life-long desire to farm. Cecilia began farming in 2013 after preparing the land, and today, the farm is working towards organic certification.

This former dairy farm a little north of Durham has 8.5 acres fenced for vegetable production. Currently, Cecilia is farming on about 5 acres, growing more than 80 varieties of produce with an 8-year crop rotation plan. Visit the farm's website to see the full list of crops and when they are available.

The Team

Farming is a lot of work, and Cecilia doesn't do it alone. **Matt Ball** is involved in all the planning, planting and harvesting. Cecilia's brother **John Dorsey** initially joined the team to help get the farm up and running, and today he oversees the farm's marketing and sales system approach. **Orlan Johnson**, who grew up on a farm in Wisconsin, is a business advisor to the farm and a dare-devil tractor driver. **Linda Modesto** and **Adella Camarillo** help at the farm too.

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Buying from D2E Farms

Child care facilities may purchase produce from D2E Farms through the POP Market and The Produce Box. The farm also sells its produce at the South Durham Farmers Market. D2E Farms welcomes field trips.



