



MIFFS

Michigan Food &  
Farming Systems

Supporting the Many Faces of Farming

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## WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter



### Greetings Subscriber!

We are officially entering into the hottest part of the growing season, we hope everyone has been able to find enjoyable ways to cool down as we work through some of the most difficult and risky weather that farmers and gardeners deal with. Please continue to take all the applicable weather related safety precautions to keep you and yours safe, a link to a good starting resource is included below.

MDARD has also issued some tick safety guidelines now that we are at that time of year where exposure is highest for folks working and recreating out of doors. Read them [here](#).

Farmers, gardeners and anyone who works outside regularly should have a safety plan in place for high temperature work days in order to avoid risk. Here's a helpful [article](#) about working in the heat safely.

For access to our database of other resources please visit our [website](#) and follow our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

In Solidarity,  
the MIFFS Team

## Highlight This Month!

JOIN THE STAPLE CROP MOVEMENT  
GET FREE, PERSONALIZED SUPPORT!

In times of uncertainty, it feels easy to put off planning ahead and equipping our fields and pantries with the shelf-stable, staple foods that will get us through the tough times.

If you're interested in learning more about the program, please reach out to us at [info@miffs.org](mailto:info@miffs.org). Spots for one-on-one support are limited and registration for those is **due by July 10th**, so connect with us soon!

**Join the Staple Crop Movement**  
Get free, personalized support to grow great food for your community

Are you a farmer or gardener currently or interested in growing staple crops like grains, tubers, rice, or beans? We are here to support you with:

- Free One-on-One Consultations, Grant Navigation & Technical Support: Get personalized advice on USDA programs and other resources to support your goals.
- Hands-On Workshops & Trainings: Learn best practices for growing healthy, high-yield crops.
- Networking: Connect with fellow farmers in a welcoming environment.

**CONTACT MIFFS (INFO@MIFFS.ORG) 231.680.0554**



# Educational Opportunities

WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

EDUCATION



## Funding Opportunities

GRANTS, LOANS &  
RESOURCES

FUNDING



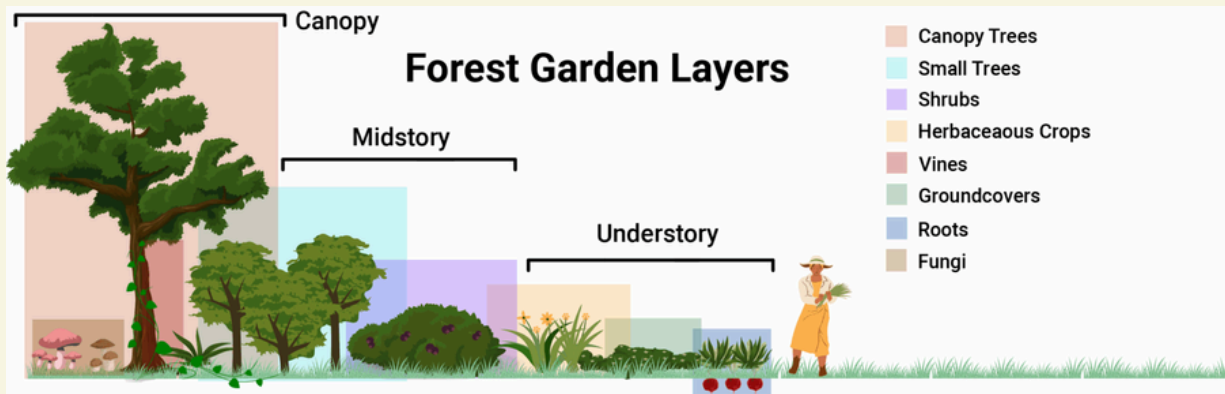
## Employment Opportunities

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS &  
FELLOWSHIPS

EMPLOYMENT



# *Introduction to Forest Garden Planning, Design, and Maintenance*



By Katherine Favor, NCAT Agriculture Specialist,  
Hannah Hemmelgarn, Center for Agroforestry, University of Missouri, and  
Kelsi Stubblefield, Center for Agroforestry, University of Missouri

Thoughtfully designed agroforestry practices contribute to environmental and economic resilience on farms and ranches. These outcomes can be achieved at a smaller scale by planting forest gardens, also known as food forests, as multi-strata productive growing spaces.

Forest gardens can be incorporated into yards, parks, roadsides, or other shared or underutilized spaces suitable for cultivation, allowing growers to maximize space, increase and diversify yields, and create opportunities for social connections and education.

Read or download the full article [here](#).

## **Support Our Mission**

**Connecting beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability.**

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