



DILMUN HILL

STUDENT FARM AT CORNELL™

Dilmun Hill is a student-run farm that practices sustainable food production on Cornell University's campus. The farm, located at 705 Dryden Road, has been active for over two decades. Our mission is to provide students with opportunities for experiential learning, group collaboration, research and outreach. Student farm managers and student committee members collaborate with an organic coordinator and faculty advisors to provide leadership in farm operations and to host educational and outreach-focused events and workshops. We also collaborate with other organizations that align with our mission. The farm is supported by the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station, grants and donations.



MARKETS AND SALES

We sell a large portion of our farm produce to CSA (community-supported agriculture) members from the Cornell community, offering them weekly shares from early summer through late fall. Our popular campus farm stand offers Dilmun Hill produce for sale throughout the season and we supply vegetables to places like Manndible Cafe, the Orchard Store and Anabel's Grocery. We also donate produce to Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County, and the Friendship Donations Network.

OUTREACH, EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

Every year, hundreds of graduate, undergraduate and grade school students flock to the farm for tours and events. Dilmun Hill hosts around six college classes every year. Community members also take advantage of special workshops, field days, celebrations, and a speaker series. We set up booths and exhibits at many events around campus, from Orientation, and Ag Day, to Fall Fest, and the Local Food and Fiber Fair. Dilmun also collaborates with many on-campus clubs, such as the Student Bee and Mushroom Clubs, Cornell Outdoor Education and Engineers without Borders.





GROWING SPACES

The farm covers 12 acres, 11 of which are fenced in to exclude deer. The installation of a new, student-designed, high tunnel was completed in 2016. The steel-framed structure is mounted on rails, and can be moved between two adjacent growing sites to maximize production and improve soil health. Many growing areas at the farm incorporate permaculture principles, including some contoured swale and raised bed systems, and agroforestry projects.

WORK PARTIES

Throughout the growing season we host frequent work parties where volunteers work alongside student managers, supporting the farm operations, while gaining hands-on knowledge about sustainable agricultural practices. Depending on the season, they help with tasks such as the installation of raised beds, seeding and transplanting crops, weeding, mulching and harvesting. Volunteers are vital to the farm's success. Around 500 volunteers typically circle through the farm each year.



JOIN OUR TEAM AND STAY CONNECTED

- Attend our many events
- Volunteer at work parties
- Conduct your research at the farm
- Join the Dilmun Steering Committee, which aids with farm operations and event planning
- Become a student farm manager (applications are accepted each November)
- Join our mailing list: send a request to dilmunhill@cornell.edu



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