

Our farm began as a hobby as we began to grow fruits and vegetables in our spare time. As we progressed to the final stages of our professional careers, we decided that farming was where we would like to direct our time, efforts, and attention full-time, thus leading to the establishment of Botanical Bites & Provisions. We have focused on selling a wide range of fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, apiary products, and cut flowers to local consumers through our on-farm marketplace. In 2015, the Small Farm Outreach Program at Virginia State University's Department of Agriculture awarded us the distinction of being the 2015 Small Farmers of the Year. We currently serve as mentors to beginning small farmers participating in the VSU Small Farm Outreach Program and serve on the Small Farm Outreach Advisory Board.

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 2016, 2017, and 2018 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.

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

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