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CSU Extension Hosts On-Farm Market Gardening Series in Columbus Beginning May 17

WILBERFORCE, OH – Join Central State University Extension (CSUE) for a series of monthly on-farm classes on urban market gardening with the first session held from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, May 17, 4 to 6 p.m., at South Side Family Farms, 1200 Wilson Ave., Columbus.

Classes will be held the third Monday of every month (May-October) from 4-6pm and are free to the public.

The first class in the series will cover the basics of efficient bed preparation and setting up drip and microsprinkler irrigation systems. We will demo how to prepare a seed bed for direct seeding and transplanting, including setting up your irrigation lines.

Market gardening means growing for profit in a small space. Classes will take place on farm and will feature hands-on learning opportunities and on-site demonstrations of growing techniques essential to successful market gardening.

CSUE seminar series partner South Side Family Farms is a civic collaboration with a mission of:

- educating on agricultural best practices for growing food systems and how to include these foods in their diets
- creating economic avenues in agriculture
- educating and encourage youth to consider agrarian professions
- providing safe environments for community connection and collaboration

All are welcome to participate but space is limited and registration is required. At this point, class size is limited to 15 people to maintain current proper social distancing measures.

Registrations can be made at <https://forms.gle/LxjwddhCNCrKLxyy5>.

For more information about the gardening series, contact CSUE Agriculture/Natural Resources Educator Dana Hilfinger at dhilfinger@CentralState.edu.

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