

## Community Farm of Simsbury

### History:

Community Farm of Simsbury is a certified-organic educational farm. Amos Eno donated the 140-acre property to the Town of Simsbury in 1883 for the "benefit of the town poor." In Fall 2009, Community Farm of Simsbury was established as a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to educational programming and growing produce for donation to people in need. In 2013 Community Farm of Simsbury merged with Gifts of Love in Avon. The Farm averages 2,645 students visits from Greater Hartford and the Farmington Valley through an inter-district, educational program. The Farm also donates over 15,430 pounds of produce to local food pantries and social service organizations, including Gifts of Love, Simsbury Social Services, Hartford Shelters, and Public Schools.



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*"It warms my heart when I hear these things from my students because it is as if learning is coming alive for them."*

*Quote from a Simsbury Teacher participating in the Inter-district program*



**Farm to Family**

**Farm Educational  
Opportunities**



**Farm Family  
Community Farm of Simsbury**

**Getting Dirty with a Purpose  
"It's not DIRT, its  
Farm Seasoning!"**

# Learning on the Farm

## Areas of Focus

- ⇒ Diversity
- ⇒ Interdependence
- ⇒ Cycles
- ⇒ Farm Community
- ⇒ Ecosystems
- ⇒ Farm History

## Unit Lessons Available For Field Trips Classroom, or Both

*Our Farm Lessons are  
designed in accordance with  
the Connecticut State  
Science Standards as well as  
the Next Generation Science  
Standards*

### Ecosystems Study

CFS has a wide variety of ecosystems and habitats within one mile radius. Lowlands, wetlands, stream, riparian creek, woodlands, agricultural fields, open meadow, greenhouse, barn yard. All are available for hands on study and exploration

### Cycles

*Water cycles and Life cycles* are two very popular areas of study that can be expanded to fit your class needs and interests.

### Recycle ~ Repurpose ~ Compost

Worms and other composters keep soil healthy below our feet: so we offer the study of decomposition, why recycling is so important and how we can help. Explore creative ways to reuse common items.

### Food Access

Why is **Local** better? Learn about food miles and why certain climates are conducive to different farming products and techniques, by observing the farms' growing habitats.

### All About Plants

Seeds, from Greenhouse to Garden and the Lifecycle of plants. Learning about roots ,shoots and what plants need to grow healthy and strong.

### Farm Yard Animals

With a wide variety of farm animals, CFS offers many different programs. Spend time getting a tour of the barnyard and all of the residents is one option and focusing on one or two farm animals is another option. The following focuses are offered: ruminants, feathered friends, and small mammals.

### Wild Life on the Farm

Micro organisms, Macroinvertebrates  
Native Willdlife, and Habitat Studies.

### Farm Craft: Then and Now

A hands-on opportunity to learn about fibers, felting, weaving, beeswax dipping and more. Explore the way food was prepared in the 1800's and make bread and butter on the farm.

### Simple Machines & Farm History :

Learn about the evolution of machinery and farm tools through our hands on exhibit of farm implements and instruments. Simple equipment ranging from 200 years old to present day is a great way to experience the true evolution of farming as a lifestyle.