

Andrew Heck

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Qualifications and Affiliations

- 12 years of market farming experience
- 3 years full-time teaching experience
- 9 years substitute teaching experience
- 2012 Illinois Sustainable Farmer of the Year
- Illinois Stewardship Alliance Board President

Education

Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale, IL
Bachelor of Science, College of
Education and Human Services.
Major: Biological Sciences

Certifications

State Teacher Certification Board,
Illinois
Type 09 secondary teaching certificate
Biological Science

Skilled farmer and experienced educator with a passion for growing nutrient-dense food and educating children. I specialize in managing students and maximizing learning opportunities by creating an engaging, creative, and hands-on learning environment.

Garden Educator, Generation Healthy Kids Coalition Springfield, IL

April 2015 - Present

- Implement garden-related classroom curriculum in schools
- Install and maintain 12 school and community gardens within area
- Responsible for growing food for cooking classes and other educational programs

Co-owner, Small Axe Market Gardens, LLC Springfield, IL

January 2014 - November 2015

- Managed a diversified, intensive, and chemical-free market garden
- Responsible for all duties including planting, growing, harvesting, marketing
- Direct marketed through retail outlets, farmers' markets, and an active community-supported agriculture program including 21 families

High Tunnel Gardener, Lincoln Land Community College Springfield, IL

August 2014 - Present

- Oversaw winter high tunnel growing project, which produces food for the Workforce Careers Center culinary program
- Completed a series of educational high tunnel production videos available on YouTube
- Continue to grow food for public school food service managers, as well as local food cooking classes



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References

Cara Cummins

Tri-City Elementary School principal

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Illinois Stewardship Alliance

Executive Director

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Co-owner, Heck's Harvest and Veenstra's Vegetables

Rochester, IL

2009 - 2014

-Managed 30-member community-supported agriculture program

-Hosted annual "Kids' Day at the Farm," a fun and educational day on the farm in association with the Springfield Urban League

Co-owner, Hill Street Farm

Modesto, IL

2003-2009

-Ran a diversified vegetable farm in a rural setting

-Hosted Waverly Middle School students for "Farm Days"

Tri-City Elementary and High School

Buffalo, IL

Fall 2005 - Spring 2007

-Taught high school chemistry, biology, physics, and plant biology

-Taught physical education for grades kindergarten through second

-Junior class sponsor

Springfield Art Association

Springfield, IL

2005 - 2006

-Designed and planted a community garden which is still active today

-Developed daily curriculum incorporating gardening and art for "G-art-en" camp

