

Roberto Meza Bio

While a grad student at MIT in the Art, Culture, and Technology program, Roberto was inspired by student projects addressing food production in urban landscapes. His career quickly transitioned from the arts to agriculture with a focus on food access. After a hiatus working on farms and observing problems in our food systems, Roberto moved to Colorado with childhood friend Dave Demerling, and started their own farm.

On a mission to cultivate, heal, and transform communities with access to fresh food, Roberto Co-founded Emerald Gardens in 2017. Each week Emerald Gardens grows, harvests, and distributes microgreens to restaurants, grocery stores, food pantries, and smaller retailers in the Denver/Boulder area. They currently occupy 35 acres in Bennett, Colorado and operate sustainably using geothermal and passive-solar energy.

Roberto is also the chair of Membership and Outreach for Mile High Farmers, the local chapter of the National Young Farmers Coalition and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. He is also a board member of the High Plains Food Coop and is developing a model for last mile distribution to help food coops and local producers gain access to markets.