

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY IN AGRICULTURE



BOOKER T. WHATLEY

Booker T. Whatley founded and taught the modern CSA model (which stands for Community Supported Agriculture) in the 1960s, as a solution for struggling Black farmers, but his contributions to modern agriculture have long been excluded from the dominant narrative.

CSA'S ARE ROOTED IN BLACK HISTORY



"IT ENABLES THE FARMER TO PLAN PRODUCTION, ANTICIPATE DEMAND, AND, OF COURSE, HAVE A GUARANTEED MARKET"

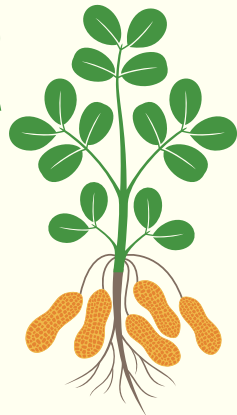
-Dr. Booker T. Whatley.

Dr. Whatley improved the lives of black farmers by teaching regenerative farming and 'clientele membership clubs'



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER CHANGED AGRICULTURE FOREVER

As a scientist, botanist and inventor, he developed crop rotation. He encouraged diversified farming and a move away from cotton being the only cash crop.



HE STARTED A MODEL OF AG EXTENTION & TAUGHT GENERATIONS OF BLACK STUDENTS FARMING METHODS FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY



FANNIE LOU HAMER FOUND FREEDOM IN FARMING

Born into a sharecropping family in Mississippi, Fannie Lou saw that in order to achieve economic security, access to land and farming was crucial. In 1967 she founded the Freedom Farm Cooperative with a purchase of 40 acres of land. The Co-op eventually grew to over 600 acres of land, offering a means to pursue community wellness, self-reliance, and political resistance. Life on the cooperative farm presented an opportunity to live off the land, and create a healthy community based upon building an alternative food system as a cooperative and collective effort.

SHE BUILT AN ALTERNATIVE FOOD SYSTEM



CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST & A PIONEER OF FOOD JUSTICE ORGANIZING

Hamer viewed co-ops as the foundation of political power

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE?

Please join us for CSA DAY 2023 at the Massachusetts Avenue Project!

Learn about Community Supported Agriculture

Meet local urban & rural farmers

Sign up for a CSA share this summer!



CSA DAY & MARKET KICKOFF FEBRUARY 23, 2023 3:00PM-7:00PM

387 Massachusetts Avenue
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<http://www.groundworkmg.com/>

Native Offerings
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<https://nativeofferings.com/wp/>

Oles Family Farm
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Dirty Rich
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