

Stella Gardens Outdoor Classroom

**Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
East Troy, Wisconsin**



Stella Gardens is a certified organic, hands-on training farm that instructs students in vegetable, herb and flower production at Michael Fields in the [New Farmer Foundation Year](#) and [Whole Farm Workshops](#).

Stella Gardens includes:

- 1-acre of raised beds planted in the French-intensive method and are worked by hand
- 2-acres of semi-mechanized production
- Soil building green manures and cover-crops are incorporated throughout the land in production
- Greenhouses supplement the gardens, extend the growing season and enable students to learn plant propagation
- Perennial Fruit Production
- Biodynamic preparations applied

The remaining acres of Michael Fields Agricultural Institute includes:

- Research for an open-pollinated corn breeding program;
- Integrated cropping systems with forage crops;
- Organic vegetable production for the wholesale and retail markets;
- Small grain rotations and pasture, much of which is leased to an outside organic dairy operation;
- Twenty-acres of wooded buffer strips;
- Woods and wetland areas



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