

MGI INTERNATIONAL FARMSCHOOL

Beginning in 2026, Wilmars Gaerten will launch—together with the Market Gardeners Institute in Quebec and a global guild of pioneering farms—the international FarmSchool Network.

A global movement training the next generation of small-scale organic farmers who nourish communities, restore ecosystems, and safeguard the future of food! Grounded in the teachings of Jean-Martin Fortier, we offer a full-season, fully immersive program in professional market gardening.

This is an invitation to those who feel called to step into one of the most meaningful roles of our time: to become growers, land stewards, and regenerative practitioners working at the frontline of ecological and social transformation.

Applications open December 1st, 2025

Fully immersive program begins April 1ST – Dec 16TH





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WHY BECOME A GROWER NOW

In a world saturated with pesticides, herbicides, and nutrient-depleted food — in a world where industrial agriculture exhausts soils, drains water systems, and strips ecosystems of life — choosing to become a farmer is not simply a profession. It is a stand. A commitment. A form of resistance.

It means creating decentralized, resilient, human-scale food systems around our cities — systems that nourish people while regenerating the land that sustains them.

Small farms are not nostalgic.

They are the backbone of the future. They hold the power to stabilize regional food security, revive ecosystems, rebuild soil, and create livelihoods rooted in meaning, craft, and care.

This work is not theoretical.

It is soil under your fingernails, seasons in your muscles, and the quiet knowledge that you are doing something that matters. Growing food and regenerating soil is the foundation of all life — and farmers hold a key to the future that no corporation, machine, or algorithm can replace.

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TRAIN INSIDE A 5-HECTARE NO-TILL MARKET GARDEN

At Wilmars Gaerten, you will learn within a 5-hectare, no-till market garden designed around the principles of the MGI Masterclass and adapted to the ecological realities of our landscape.

We do not use a BCS or mechanical tillage.

AGROFORESTRY INTEGRATED INTO THE MARKET GARDEN

Inside the garden, the individual bed blocks are framed by agroforestry strips: fruit trees, berry bushes, shrubs, hedgerows, perennial herbs and flowers. These living edges create microclimates, habitat, wind protection, structure, and beauty — turning the garden into a dynamic, ecologically rich mosaic. You learn market gardening within a diverse, interconnected landscape, where perennial and annual systems support each other and biodiversity becomes a practical tool.

HERBS, FLOWERS & BIODIVERSITY

Our herb and flower gardens produce culinary herbs and cut flowers for the Berlin markets.

They also enhance pollinator life, soil structure, and the sensory richness of the garden.

WE SELL OUR PRODUCE

- twice a week at farmers' markets in Berlin
 - through our small farm shop in Berlin-Schöneberg
 - to high-end restaurants committed to local, ecological food
 - through our veggie bags / a CSA like model, providing veggies to people who never find time to come to the market
- You will learn professional standards, quality control, post-harvest handling, and the realities of feeding communities.

FARM-TO-TABLE & COMMUNITY CULTURE

Throughout the season, we host:

- farm-to-table dinners
- open farm days
- school visits
- community gatherings

You experience how regenerative farms nourish not only bodies, but community, culture, and imagination.

MOBILE CHICKEN COOP & MULTISPECIES LEARNING

Our market garden includes a mobile chicken coop, integrating eggs, fertility cycling, pasture management, and small livestock care.

You learn how animals can enhance soil, ecosystem function, and farm resilience — and add additional income and diversity for the market stall.

PART OF A 360-HECTARE REGENERATIVE FARM

While the market garden is your core training ground, Wilmars Gaerten spans 360 hectares and provides a broader ecological context:

- 100+ hectares of agroforestry systems
- a holistically grazed highland cattle mother herd
- grains, legumes, nuts, fruits, perennials
- water retention landscapes
- whole-farm soil regeneration strategies

This gives you a rare, holistic foundation — learning how a market garden integrates into a regenerative whole-farm ecosystem.

Market gardening is your focus — but the entire farm becomes your ecological classroom.

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LEARNING BUILT ON THE MGI MASTERCLASS

Your hands-on work is combined with the MGI Masterclass, forming the backbone of your theoretical learning.

During slower months, you dive into Masterclass modules.

Throughout the season, you can join online teachings from instructors across the global FarmSchool Network.

This combination of rigorous theory + real-world practice is one of the strongest pathways to becoming a professional grower.

PLANNING, BUSINESS & FARM DESIGN

We prepare you not only to work on a farm, but to start your own.

Winter learning includes:

- farm business planning
- budgeting & startup economics
- crop planning systems
- farm layout & infrastructure design
- marketing, CSA models & distribution

Graduates should feel ready to launch their own market gardens immediately.

CERTIFICATION THROUGH THE MGI SYSTEM

Completion of the program grants credits toward the MGI Junior Market Gardener certification, recognized throughout the MGI global network. Your progress is recorded in your personal digital learning profile, creating a professional farm pathway.

LIVING ON THE FARM

Students spend one full year at Wilmars Gaerten. Accommodation is available; commuting from Berlin is possible.

ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION – NO TUITION FEE

The program is free of charge. Education is funded by ROAR, a nonprofit association created specifically to support young farmers and future growers.

APPLICATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

Farmers are the stewards of our most essential resources.

We hold the keys to the resilience of future generations.

Our hands shape not only food systems, but the possibility of a livable world.

If you want to become part of the critical mass:

WE INVITE YOU TO APPLY.

Send your letter of intention beginning December 1st, 2025 to:

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We look forward to meet you.