

# Unique Opportunity at Meadowlark Hearth Biodynamic Seed Farm

Meadowlark Hearth is a certified organic and biodynamic farm, one of only two producers of certified-biodynamic, open-pollinated seeds in the United States: a vital source for farmers, gardeners, and ten other seed companies. In today's agricultural landscape, transmitting *professional* heirloom seed-growing knowledge cannot be overstated, although it is often taken for granted. Beth and Nathan Corymb have over 80 years of combined experience growing seeds, and are eager to teach the next generation! Together, they began Turtle Tree Seeds at the Camphill Village in Copake, New York in 1998. Now, they are once again ready to transition their seed operation to a capable new team, headed by Matt Barhafer as experienced farm manager.

## About the Farm:

Meadowlark Hearth sits on 540 acres in western Nebraska's high plains, where it was formerly cared for by Lakota peoples and unfortunately lost to them through broken treaties. It is located 5 minutes east of Scottsbluff, Nebraska and 2 hours north of eastern Colorado. In 2024, Corymb's donated the land to the Meadowlark Hearth Living Environment Foundation (MHLEF), a 501c-3 nonprofit they established to protect the land and the farm's mission in perpetuity. MHLEF has 12 supportive board members, including farmers, Beth, Nathan and Matthew. Beginning in the 1 of their 3 hoop houses, the farm does intensive seed production vegetables, flowers and herbs, on 4 acres spread over 5 gardens to accommodate the necessary isolation for seed purity. Also, a small herd of grass-fed beef grazes the pastures providing farm fertility and for the gardens through Biodynamic compost. At least, one-quarter of the land is preserved for wildlife habitat.

## About the Team:

Nathan trained at Kimberton Hills and the Swiss Sativa Biodynamic Company, and he is also a state-trained Master Naturalist. Joined by other Ancestral Skills professionals and archeologists from around the US, Nathan organizes an annual August gathering which along with teaching historical techniques, enable learning beyond book knowledge through hands-on activities like flint knapping, basketry, ancient seed winnowing, and more. Beth is fourth generation farmer, trained at Kimberton Hills, and with a bachelors in music, having a special interest in how the music intervals and movement called eurhythm can teach us about plant growth. She organizes educational opportunities, like the October Seed Festival, ag classes and tours, as well as seed marketing and sales. They are joined by farm manager, Matthew Barhafer, who holds a degree in biology, represents the younger generation, and oversees seed-cleaning machines, the beef herd, and equipment repairs. All three are involved in growing seeds.

## About the Opportunity:

The Meadowlark Hearth team is seeking passionate community minded people who to live on a farm: (horticulturalists, farmers, families, couples, homeschoolers, creatives, and/or business-minded people) who want to make a difference for the future of farming and open-pollinated seed quality. Tasks include cultivation, growing, harvesting, and how to thresh, clean and market seeds. Also, they will be involved in the herd's role in farm fertility, and other wildlife native to the land. For the business-minded applicant, the team is looking for someone who can help reach new buyers, and help manage and expand their e-commerce sales. There is strong wifi which could benefit a partner who needs to work from home. Depending on your agricultural experience, interested applicants will be invited to have an online conversation about how your needs and the farm's needs could be a match. Interested applicants are encouraged to express what they need (economically, socially, spiritually) to be happy in their role and successful in caring for the farm. Please send inquiries to [meadowlarkhearth@gmail.com](mailto:meadowlarkhearth@gmail.com)

## More about the Farm:

To learn more about the farm, please visit our website: [www.meadowlarkhearth.org](http://www.meadowlarkhearth.org)

Where you will find the seed catalogue, events calendar, educational offerings, and additional photos.

Watch a [short video biography](#) by Nebraska public media.

