

## **About Book and Plow**

The Book and Plow mission is threefold. Engage students in collaborative and productive farm labor. Provide quality produce to the Amherst College community. Offer people space on campus to connect with food, land, and each other. Our produce is available at Valentine Hall through Dining Services and through a weekly CSA share in the Fall.

Come to the farm to spend time outdoors, work with your hands, observe, ask questions, speak up, and work on a team. The farm is a space for people to build community around growing vegetables.

## **Setting Dates for the Event**

Please check in with Farm Manager Maida at [mives@amherst.edu](mailto:mives@amherst.edu) to make sure the Greenhouse/Community Field is available for the day of your event. We need advance notice to make sure the working farm can host guests.

## **Transport**

Our greenhouse site is about a 15 minute walk from Keefe Campus Center. You can walk there on a dirt road to the left at the Tennis Courts, or through a wooded path via the bike trail. (We are working on marking those trails more effectively.)

If you are interested in booking vehicles to travel to the farm, Pool Reserve Vehicles can be requested at the [Amherst Virtual EMS](#) site.

## **Weather**

The weather is unpredictable. We work in all weather and encourage people to visit anytime, but know that rain can be a challenge to plan around. Consider working with events and catering to set a date and a rain date and assessing weather the week before the event.

## **Accessibility**

The road up to and around the Greenhouse/Community Field is gravel. The front half of the Greenhouse has a cement floor. Otherwise the fields are grassy and uneven terrain. The porter potty has a small step in the entrance.

## **Farm Infrastructure**

At the Greenhouse/Community Field site we have a Greenhouse where about 25 people can comfortably gather/sit. Inside the greenhouse we have electricity, running water, and a handwashing sink. Outside the greenhouse, we have a 20x20 share tent outside, and two picnic tables. We have trash cans and recycling bins. We have one porter potty all year round. We

have spectacular views and many sweet grassy places to gather as a group. Our larger vegetable production fields are a short drive away on Mill Lane.

### **Office of Student Activities**

For student group events, please make sure to register your event with [the Hub](#).

### **Special Events Services**

Heidi Kellogg ([hkellogg@amherst.edu](mailto:hkellogg@amherst.edu)) is the Supervisor of Event Support Services and can answer questions about additional porter potty rentals, tents, tables, chairs.

### **Catering**

Meagan Champoux ([mchampoux@amherst.edu](mailto:mchampoux@amherst.edu)) is the Catering Staff Assistant and can answer questions about how Amherst caters events. They can also include compostable plates, cups and cutlery. [Amherst Catering](#) requires 7 days advance notice for events.

### **Farm Produce**

July-December, some Farm Produce is available for purchase for events. We can discuss possible food donation if that feels appropriate. We also have a pick-your-own herbs, cherry tomatoes, hot peppers and flower garden. We accept donations at the gardens, as they are intended to be available for students and the Amherst College Community.

### **Materials for Events**

The farm has work gloves that we can lend out for work events. We have access to cutting board, knives and bowls via the Ford Hall Kitchen. If we have to purchase any additional supplies we will invoice you for the cost.

### **Examples of Farm Events**

Class Tour/Conversation on Farm (Farmer can also visit classrooms with slideshow)  
Catered meal in Greenhouse or on Tuttle Hill  
Tour of the Greenhouse/Community Field  
Work Party (picking rocks, field clean up)  
Salsa Making/Flower Wreath/Natural Dye Workshop  
Gleaning Food September/October (you'll need to arrange transport needed to Mill Lane Fields)  
Use the space without the farmers involvement (we be working, but don't have to interact)

**If you are interested in using the space external to Amherst College related events, we have a base rental fee of \$175 for the field space on Tuttle Hill.**