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Oxford Tract biointensive no-till harvest. Cole Rainey photo.

Sustainable Urban Farming for Resilience and Food Security

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Got news? if you're receiving this newsletter, you're doing work we'd like to share with this network. Please send your news, events and job openings to growingroots@berkeley.edu.

Share your story! Partner Profiles introduce you and your farm to a diverse group of community stakeholders. Please let us know if you'd like us to feature your work in an upcoming issue.

You're invited to an Urban Farmers' networking dinner!



Hello East Bay Urban Farmers and Gardeners,

Please come to a dinner conversation about how to best improve our collaboration, share resources and create a central online platform to communicate with one another! **Join us for dinner on Tuesday, November 5th from 6-8 pm** at Urban Adamah in Berkeley. Farm-fresh dinner and drinks will be provided. Details are [here](#). Please spread the word to others you think may be interested as all are welcome.

Looking forward,

Debbie Harris (Urban Adamah Farm Director) & Laney Siegner (U.C. Berkeley grad student researching urban farms)

Partner Profiles: Julia Dashe, Farm Manager Mills Community Farm

"We want the farm...to be a place for people to engage in the radical act of small-scale, urban farming as we move forward in facing so many systemic breakdowns, especially the climate crisis."

Mills Community Farm is a 2.5-acre working farm at Mills College in Oakland that practices sustainable farming, provides hands-on farming opportunities for the Mills community, local nonprofits, and Oakland public schools. We caught up with **Farm Manager Julia Dashe** in the middle of harvest season.

Q: How long have you been working at the Farm?

A: I started in January 2018.

Q: What is your farming background?

A: I helped start the Certificate Program in Sustainable Urban Agriculture at San Diego City College in 2008, and taught and managed the farm there. Before that I attended the [Farm Apprenticeship program](#) at the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz. I have also worked on farms up and down California and on the east coast. I came back to the Bay Area because I went to college here and missed the Northern California rain after living and working in the semi-desert community of San Diego.



Student farmers at Mills Community Farm. Julia Dashe photo.

[Read more.](#)

Community Notices

Bay Area Bee Festival

Check out the annual Bay Area Bee Festival this Saturday, Oct 13th, 10am - 3pm at the Berkeley Flea Market, Ashby BART station. [Details here.](#)

Fall Festival Season!

City Slicker Harvest Festival

Come celebrate the harvest at [City Slicker Farm, West Oakland](#), 11am - 4pm Saturday, Oct 26th. Live music, kids' activities, farmstand!

MESA First Season Gathering

Join MESA farmers celebrating the **MESA Farm's** first season! Farm tour, music, seed swap, and much more. 10am - 3pm, Saturday Oct 26th, at MESA's farm in El Sobrante. [Details here.](#)

UC Gill Tract Community Farm Annual Harvest Festival

The **UC Gill Tract Community Farm** invites you to ceremony, workshops, food, and kids' events on 11am - 6pm Sunday October 27, 2019. This is an all-volunteer event! To help out, contact Effie at slrawlings@gmail.com. and more! Plant, harvest, weed, prep, compost, and help feed the Bay Area! 1050 San Pablo Ave, Albany. [More info here.](#)



Jobs

UC Berkeley is hiring a **Food Systems Project Manager** (half time position). Look on jobs.berkeley.edu for job #1767, Project/Policy Analyst, Food Systems (7398U).

City Slicker Farms is looking for an Executive Director. See job posting [on their website](#).

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