

GREAT REASONS TO CHOOSE

JWCC's Sustainable Local Foods Farming Program



1. **Class Schedule:** Classes meet two or three days per week, for convenience and ease of student scheduling.
2. **Professional Faculty:** The program offers experienced, knowledgeable, highly professional and caring faculty.
3. **Financial Assistance:** In addition to traditional financial aid options, the agricultural department has an extensive scholarship program.
4. **Land lab:** An onsite land lab will provide students with the opportunity for hands-on experience.
5. **Placement:** Placement assistance is available to all students; this includes resume writing, job seeking and referrals.
6. **Alumni Organization:** The active JWCC Agriculture Alumni Association assures many benefits following graduation.
7. **Reputation:** JWCC has national award-winning ag programs.
8. **Advisory Council:** Agriculturalists from the community guide and direct curriculum to be "real world" and current.
9. **Leadership Development:** Leaders are developed through coursework, Ag Club, and Postsecondary Ag Student (PAS) competitions. JWCC has had many winners in state and national PAS contests.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

John Wood Community College was founded in 1974 in order to provide residents with high-quality, low-cost programs in higher education.

DEGREES/CERTIFICATES

The College offers a comprehensive baccalaureate transfer curriculum, with three degrees specifically designed to accommodate students transferring to four-year colleges: the Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate in Science (AS). John Wood also offers the Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS) and certificates for those interested in specialized career/technical training which leads to immediate employment.

PROGRAMS

Agriculture, nursing, early childhood education, computer-aided design, restaurant management, culinary arts, office technology and truck driver training are just a few of the career/technical programs offered at JWCC.

LOCATION

The main campus is located at the east edge of Quincy. Satellite centers include the Agricultural Education Center near Perry, the Pittsfield Education Center, Pittsfield, and the Dot Foods Learning Center, Mt. Sterling. Some career/technical programs are also offered on-site and in cooperation with area industries and agencies.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees at JWCC are among the lowest in the area. A complete financial aid program which includes scholarships, loans, grants and work study opportunities is available for students who qualify.

For information on JWCC programs, contact:

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SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOODS FARMING

Certificate



JOHN WOOD
Community College

SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOODS FARMING Certificate Program (29 hours *)

Fall

- AGR 153 Soil Management
- AGR 157 Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
- AGR 158 Fall Vegetable & Small Fruit Production
- AGR 185 Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Spring

- AGR 159 Spring Vegetable & Small Fruit Production
- AGR 183 Marketing Horticultural Crops
- HRT 221 Greenhouse Production
- HRT 260 Pest Management

Summer

- AGR 168 Summer Vegetable & Small Fruit Production

* This listing consists of agricultural and horticultural sciences coursework only. The current JWCC catalog contains all program curricula.



Program: The program provides the practical skills and knowledge necessary for success in the local foods and sustainable agricultural industries and features both classroom instruction and hands-on training in a vegetable and small fruit land lab.

Need: Statewide and regionally, consumer demand for local foods is currently not met by producers. Data show that Illinois' annual direct-market farm sales more than doubled between 1997-2007, and the number of farmers' markets nearly tripled between 1999 and 2008.

Training: Classes are offered in fall, spring and summer terms, and the program takes approximately 41 weeks to complete.

Careers: Local foods farmer, food processor, food distributor, food marketer, agricultural entrepreneur, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) partner.

Salary: Salary range varies widely, based on crop, market, production system and acreage in production. A recent Kansas State study of vegetable producers in Douglas County, Kansas, showed an average net income of \$2,631 per acre.

"To meet the growing demands for local food, we need more farmers raising food for local markets. The statewide task force identified the lack of farmers as the number one obstacle to building an Illinois-based food system. This program will provide the production knowledge and business skills that beginning and transitioning farmers need to be successful."



*Carrie Edgar, County Director
University of Illinois Extension
Adams/Brown Unit, Quincy
Member, Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force*



"As the largest Independent grocer in central Illinois, Niemann Foods, Inc. is committed to meeting the growing demand for locally grown food. To help meet this demand, we need farmers who understand raising local food is a viable option."

*Gerry Kettler
Consumer Affairs Director
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