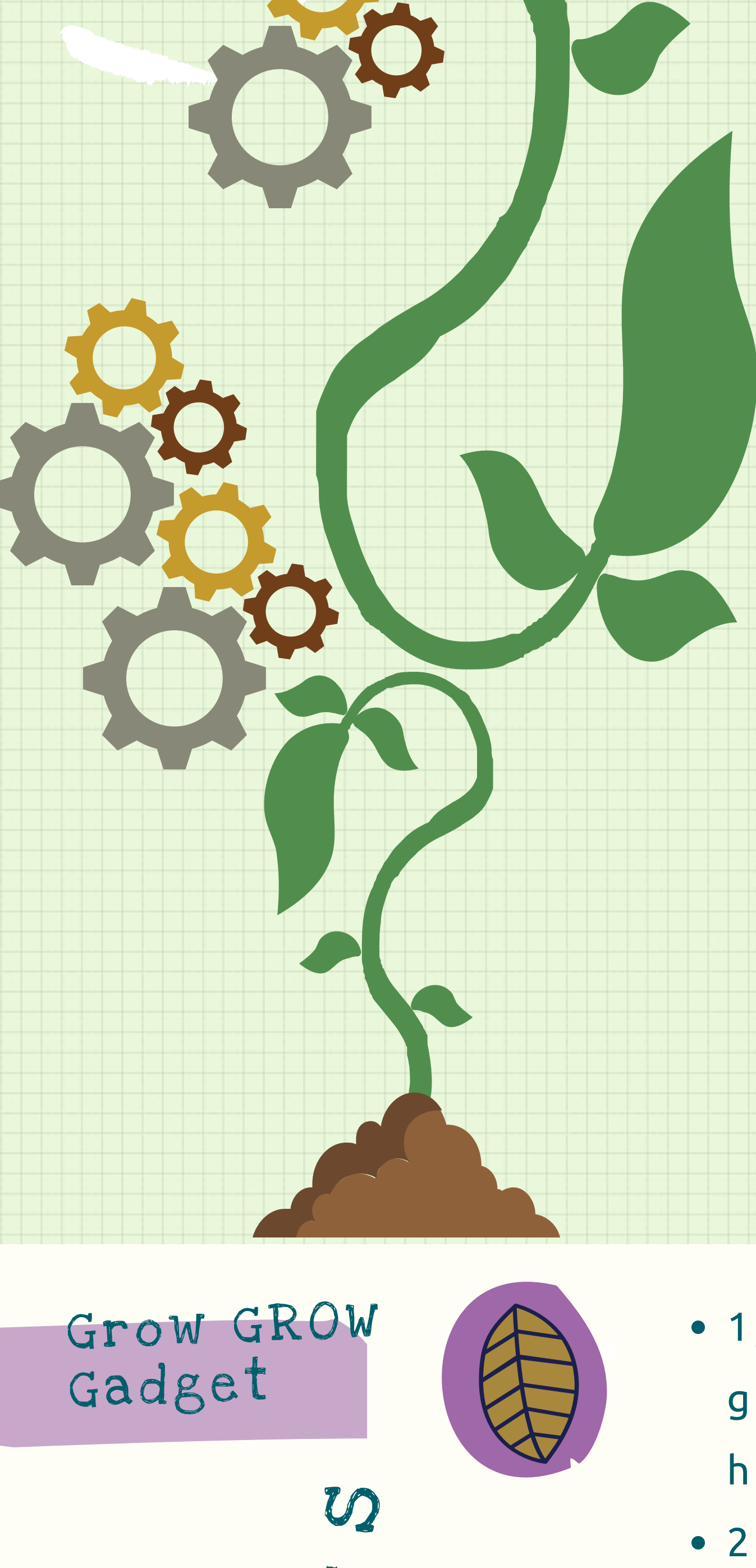


LaFarm Annual Report

Looking Back & Gearing Up



Another year is in the BOOKS! ...& Another year is in the WORKS here at LaFarm; The Lafayette College Farm. This year LaFarm harvested **5,870 pounds** of college grown produce. We expanded to **THREE acres** of growing space, successfully completed a **massive, capital-project-funded LaFarm fence** + MORE.

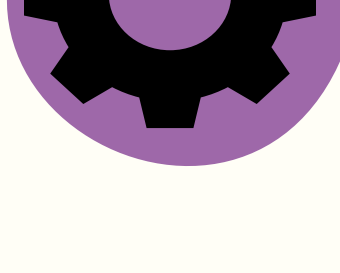
THANK YOU for reading, & BEING part of our story in **2017!** With Respect, from your College Farmer

Grow GROW Gadget

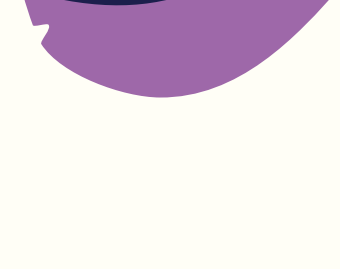
Capital Improvements



- 1,475 feet of new agricultural grade, 10 foot high, 20 year, high tensile deer fencing
- 2 new, flexible, tractor gates
- 3 new, efficient, human doors
- 3,100 feet of new, weed-free, fescue



- 3 total acres of enclosed, prime, Washington Silt Loam growing land
- 10 additional community garden plots



- 20 x 20 foot hoop house designed and purchased, with a 2018 build date
- \$1,500 dollars in shed and wash station improvements

Food & Farm

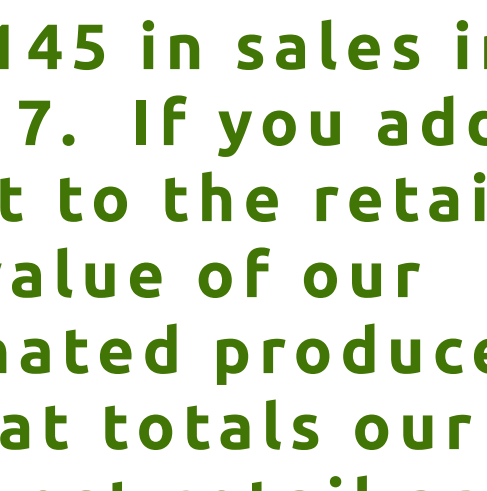
DOWN to Business



We have increased our campus deliveries EVERY YEAR, for 5 straight YEARS! 2017 saw a record of 43 deliveries for dining, catering and special events...up from 22 when we started back in 2013



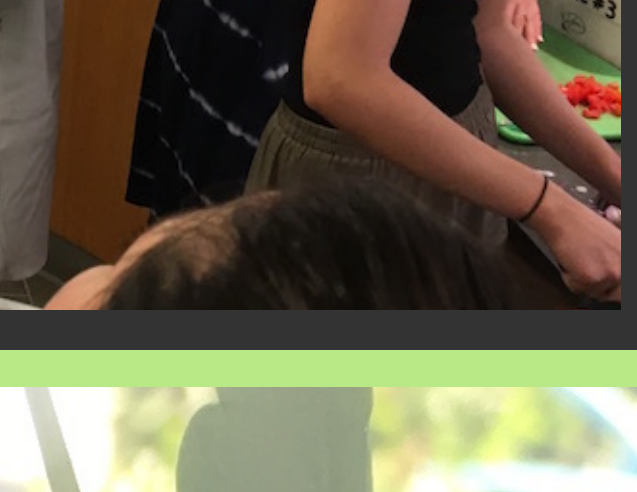
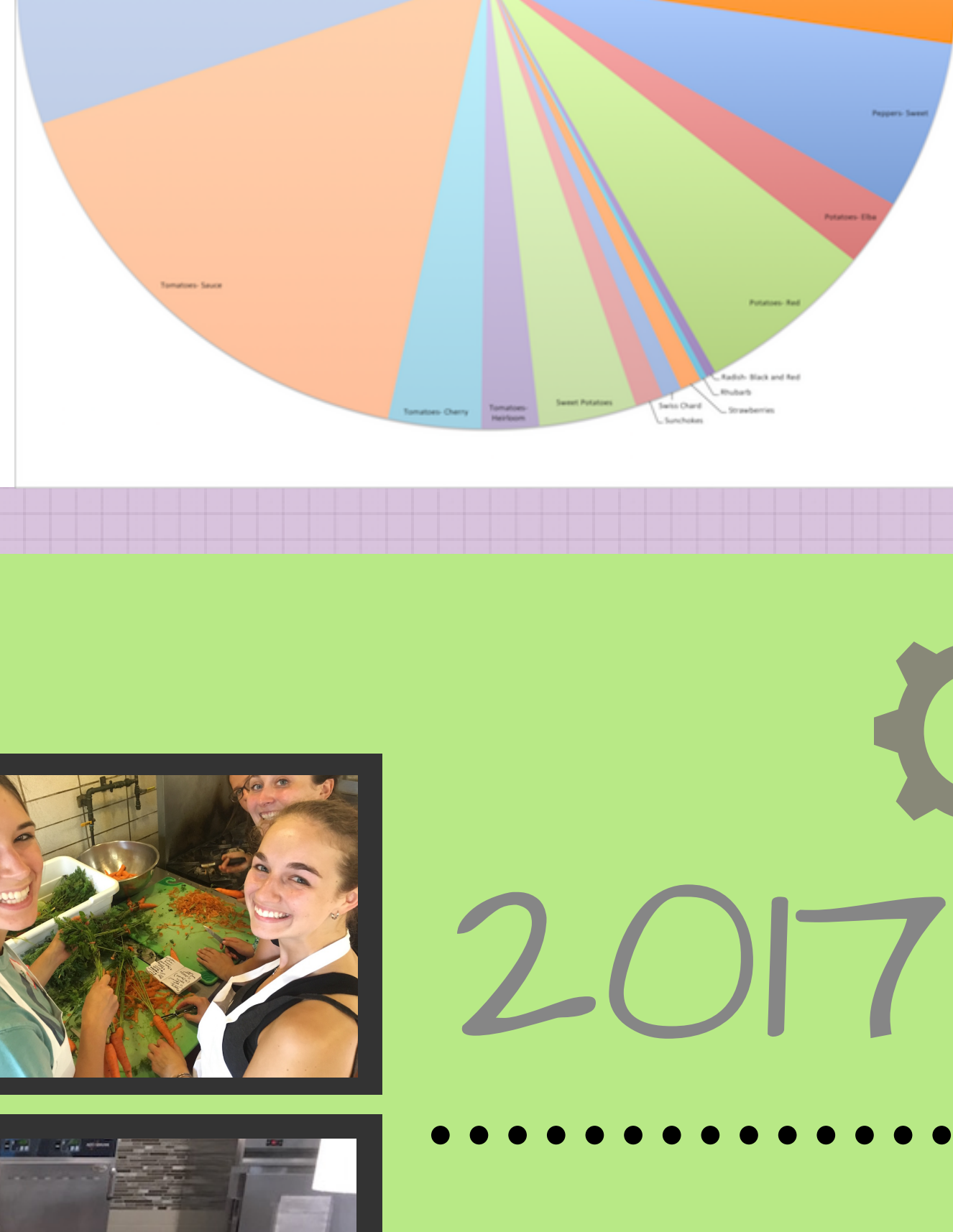
LaFarm donated 1580 pounds of produce thru our ViC partners in just 11 harvests during July, August and September 2017



LaFarm invoiced \$5,145 in sales in 2017. If you add that to the retail value of our donated produce that totals our harvest retail and wholesale value to > \$8,900

what you ATE

- ~Asparagus~Beans~
- ~MixedBerries~Beets~
- ~Cabbage/sprouts~
- ~Carrots~MixedEggplant~
- ~Flowers~
- ~Peas~Garlic~Herb~Kale~
- ~Leeks~Onions~Peppers~
- ~SweetPotatoes~Potatoes~
- ~Radish~Rhubarb~
- ~Strawberries~Swiss Chard~Sunchokes~Sweet Potatoes~HeirloomTomatoes~
- ~CherryTomatoes~
- ~SauceTomatoes~Turnips~Zucchini~



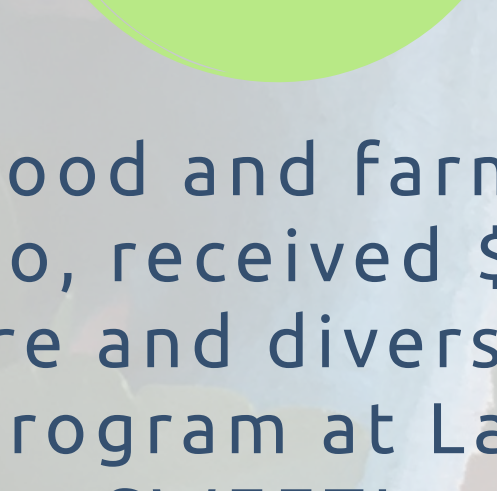
& what we DID



LaFarm planted over 3,458 transplants - grown by a local farm training non-profit organization



In cooperation with the new LaSeed Library we 'checked out' more than 120 seed packets, that our community can now grow at home!



Our food and farm club, LaFFCo, received \$900 to restore and diversify our bee program at LaFarm - SWEET!

how WE did it

the TEAM

1

~340 of our 2017 farm hours came in the form of hard work done by our 3 Excel sponsored, Veggies in the Community scholars

2

LaFarm welcomed more hours by more fraternities and sororities in 2017 than ever before - we loved working with Delta Upsilon, Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Delta Delta

3

640 student-staff hours in our 2017 growing season provided ~17 hours/week of hands-on student farming

Our work would be impossible without our amazing team! Students, staff, faculty, volunteers, farmers, friends, and alumni are all critical in turning the garden gears.



~farming works~

In a complex food system, a sustainable college farm provides students with an entry into thinking, talking, and moving towards a more sustainable future through food. LaFarm is a cross-disciplinary, living laboratory that infuses resiliency into our campus culture. We have been innovating sustainable solutions for nearly 10 years by cultivating a scalable, off-grid model of soil building, crop production, and student involvement. This farm works!

So...WHAT NEXT?

- Early in 2018, LaFarm is presenting at the Yale Food Systems Symposium. Go LAFARM!
- In 2018 LaFarm will retool in a big way: Lafayette College will welcome a new Assistant Director for Food and Farm, as Sarah moves on to her next garden.
- Check our website and social media and follow along as we enter a new chapter!
- LaFarm will continue to work within the college and the region to build and promote programming around the LaFarm, the LaSeed Library, and other food and farming initiatives.
- LaFFCo, ECOreps, LaFAB and the Office of Sustainability will lead the way for a dynamic and sustainable farming future at Lafayette College!



Thank you for being a part of our Growing Vision!