

# The Cal Poly Organic Farm

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The Cal Poly Organic Farm is a nine-acre production unit on the campus farm that offers students a place to experience hands-on learning in organic and sustainable farming and gardening practices. Since 2000, it has been home to an array of classes and projects for students interested in agro-ecological approaches to growing food. Current vegetable production includes dozens of varieties of produce that are marketed at a campus farm market, farmers' markets, to local vendors and restaurants, and through a student-run produce box program. Produce not sold is donated to the local Food Bank. The organic farm also serves as a classroom and laboratory for Cal Poly courses and research programs, including the Organic Enterprise Project (AEPS 203), which students of all majors are eligible to enroll in. The organic farm is operated by the Horticulture and Crop Science Department in the College of Agriculture and is certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF). Faculty, staff and students jointly manage and steward the farm.

Official organic farm website: <https://aeaps.calpoly.edu/organic-farm/cal-poly-organic-farm>