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FROM SEED TO CERTIFICATION: NAVIGATING THE JOURNEY OF ORGANIC HERB FARMING WITH STELLAR ROOTS FARM

Lindsey Mann, a dedicated herb farmer from Georgia, was featured in Rodale Institute's April 30, 2025 webinar, where she shared her inspiring journey toward USDA Organic Certification.

With a rich background in ecological design and over 20 years of experience in edible landscaping, Lindsey has long been committed to nurturing the land. Her transition into organic farming was a natural extension of that ethos, driven by a desire to regenerate soil and restore ecological balance.

During the webinar, Lindsey spoke candidly about the challenges she's faced: persistent weed pressure, soil remediation, and limited access to resources. Yet through it all, her dedication to sustainable agriculture never wavered, and organic certification has strengthened her business while reaffirming the values that guide her work.



Photo: Lindsey in her learning barn

From Vision to Practice

Lindsey Mann's commitment to regenerative agriculture goes beyond certification—it's reflected in the everyday practices at Stellar Roots Farm in Tiger, Georgia. On May 20, Southeastern Organic Consultant De'Anthony Price paid a visit to the farm, to witness firsthand how Lindsey's principles take root in practice.

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Nestled in the mountainous northeast corner of Georgia, Stellar Roots Farm blends Biodynamic and Organic practices to promote whole ecosystem health. The visit highlighted impressive biodiversity, from a natural pond with a beaver dam to a rain garden filled with elder, pawpaw, and comfrey. Rotational grazing with pigs further enhances soil health, making the farm a living example of regenerative organic agriculture where medicinal herbs are grown with care for both people and the planet.

As the property was explored, the farm's rich biodiversity quickly became apparent. A natural pond with a beaver dam provided a thriving aquatic ecosystem that supports ecological balance and attracts wildlife. Lindsey also showcased her rain garden, which helps manage stormwater runoff, improves water infiltration, and supports pollinators. It creates a habitat for moisture-loving plants such as Elder, PawPaw, and Comfrey, further enriching the farm's regenerative landscape.

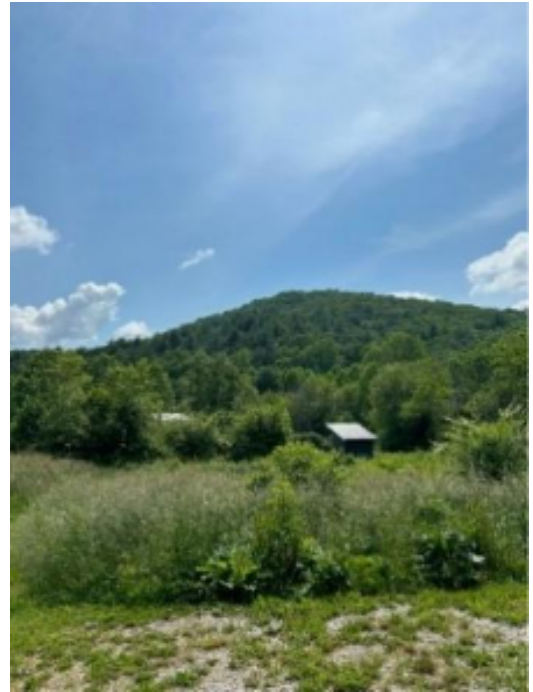


Photo: Farm photo of mountain



Photo: Swine on the farm to integrate livestock

Before concluding the visit, attention turned to Lindsey's pigs, an integral part of her regenerative approach. She introduced livestock integration to boost biodiversity and, most importantly, to improve soil health. Acting like miniature tractors, the pigs help aerate and turn the soil in areas not yet cultivated. Through rotational grazing, Lindsey maintains control over their movement, protecting the land from overuse and supporting long-term ecological balance.

Overall, Stellar Roots Farm is a living example of Regenerative Organic Agriculture. Lindsey is deeply committed to soil health and understands the vital connection between healthy soil and healthy crops. As an herb farmer, her work is especially meaningful—she is able to grow nutrient-dense medicinal herbs that is ultimately creating healthy people.

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