

2008 Naturally Grown Crop



Our idea of a productive season...



- ⇒ Radishes
- ⇒ Carrots
- ⇒ Beets
- ⇒ Sugar Snap Peas
- ⇒ Bush Pole Beans
- ⇒ A variety of Tomatoes
- ⇒ Spinach
- ⇒ A variety of Peppers
- ⇒ Pumpkins
- ⇒ Watermelon
- ⇒ Cantaloupe
- ⇒ Corn
- ⇒ Cucumbers
- ⇒ A variety of Squash
- ⇒ Red Sail Lettuce



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▶ Sowing Seeds
for a
New Future

Prisoner Industries and Vocations Unit

From Concept to Reality “Sowing Seeds for a New Future”

In early 2006, the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Metro Jail determined the need for more specialized programs for incarcerated persons.



The ground before prior to the inspiration of the concept.

The Programs Division was tasked with coming up with new programs focused on facilitating re-entry and reducing recidivism. While researching options, staff members took a tour of the Utah County Sheriff's Office Garden and were so impressed, we planned a garden and modeled it after their garden.

Expanding a program to this extent was a whole new concept to Salt Lake County. In the past, the primary concern was to house

offenders safely and securely while awaiting trials, sentencing or while serving a sentence.

To accomplish the task we contacted Utah State University Extension Services to see if they were interested in a partnership for the Horticulture Program. Horticulturist Maggie Shao graciously agreed to assist with the program.



Public Works Department assisting with machinery to turn empty land into a beautiful garden.

The soil needed a lot of help, it was hard as a rock and had sat for several years. A soil sample was taken, soil amendments made and in Spring 2007 seeds were planted.

While planning this project, the Metro Jail and USU Extension coordinated and was able to put together a course of study for the prisoners to attend. The curriculum used for the Master Gardner Certificate is taught to the participants.

This **“100% Chemical Free”** produce will be sold at the Downtown Alliance Farmers' Market to help purchase seeds and supplies



From an empty piece of land to this beautiful young garden.

each year or donated to local charities.

The incarcerated persons participating in this program are obtaining;

- Utah Gardner Certificate
- Skills which may be used for personal or professional reasons.
- Personal growth and a sense of accomplishment.
- Giving back to the community and the Horticulture Program.

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