# Source of Non-GMO, Non-Neonicotinoid Native Plants in the Central Virginia Area:

#### The Farmbasket

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Website: http://thefarmbasket.com/

From our roots as a roadside fruit stand in 1964, the Farmbasket has grown to become the premier destination in central Virginia for specialty food items and gift ideas for any occasion. The broad assortment of gourmet selections from our market will nourish and please even the most distinguishing palate. Our handpicked collection of giftable items and seasonal accents make for a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Mingle through our gardening areas and talk to our green thumb experts about what plants are right for you, or grab a classic sandwich at the café, made with fresh, local ingredients. Every nook and cranny reveals a new surprise, an unexpected getaway-for lunch or just the kind of conversation that was once shared with friends at a fruit stand in 1964. We offer non-GMO and non-neonicotinoid plants and herbs.

# **Edible Landscaping**

361 Spirit Ridge Lane Afton, VA 22920

(434)361-9134, Fax: (434)361-1916 Email: <u>info@ediblelandscaping.com</u> Website: <u>https://ediblelandscaping.com/</u>

We use no herbicides on our plants. All of our products are not derived from or contain any Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). Our plants are hand-weeded. Our greenhouse sprays are Azitin (a Neem-oil derivative), and Botaniguard (a baccillus - a naturally occurring bacteria). Our spray for the orchard, when necessary, is Surround (clay-based) and copper hydroxide for prunus and grapes. Our spray schedule is from observation and prevention. We do not spray blindly on a routine schedule, but cultivate our plants to harmonize with nature, You can buy trees, shrubs, herbs, and an array of garden plants on this site or pickup directly from our fruit tree and garden nursery. When you buy plants from Edible Landscaping, potted plants will be

shipped directly to you, avoiding the shock that can occur from bare root plants. We ship year round and grow our plants naturally without herbicides or harsh chemicals. Many of our plants are florist grade and make great gifts. The live plants you receive from us will be in the absolute best condition of any plants online! If you wish to pick up your order, make a note in the comments field of the order and we'll take off the ship cost when we process the order.

From Lynchburg: Route 29 north to route 6 west. Go right on route 151 north for about 2 miles and then take a left on Chapel Hollow Road, go about 1 mile and our driveway is on the left. Please note that online map programs and GPS units will generally get you to our driveway but then route you to the residence of one of our neighbors - the final right to 'stay on' Spirit Ridge Lane should be ignored, we have posted signs which should help you find us. Please see driving directions for more detail.

## **Southern Exposure Seed Exchange**

P.O. Box 460 Mineral, VA 23117

Email: gardens@southernexposure.com

Phone: 540-894-9480 Fax: 540-266-1021

Website: <a href="http://www.southernexposure.com/about-us-ezp-18.html">http://www.southernexposure.com/about-us-ezp-18.html</a>

True Non-GMO seed distributor. This place sells mostly seeds. You can order them online. You can also find their seeds at various retail locations in Virginia, but not in Lynchburg! We should ask someone to start carrying these seeds. Southern Exposure Seed Exchange offers about 800 varieties of vegetable, flower, herb, grain and cover crop seeds. We emphasize varieties that perform well in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, although gardeners and farmers over the country grow our seeds. As of 2017, over 60% of the varieties we offer are Certified Organic, and over 60% are grown by small farmers we know and contract with directly. We offer many unusual Southern heirlooms, including peanuts, southern peas, naturally colored cotton, collards, okra, roselle, turnip greens, corns for roasting and meal, and butterbeans. We do not sell chemically treated seeds.

# **Growers Exchange**

951 Techpark Place Sandston, VA 23150

Email: info@thegrowers-exchange.com

Toll Free: 1-888-829-6201

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm (Eastern Time) Website: https://www.thegrowers-exchange.com/

Welcome to Growers Exchange! We grow **farm-fresh**, **natural**, **non-GMO herb plants** and specialize in culinary, medicinal, aromatic, and rare herbs. We pride ourselves on adding to our online selection of herbs each season, a direct response to our customers' suggestions and wishes

for their herb gardening needs. Our farm is located on 600 acres in Virginia, along the banks of the James River, America's founding river. We care about our land, and about our plants; our mission is to grow robust and healthy herb plants using the best environmentally friendly practices.

## **Seven Springs Farm Organic**

Farming and Gardening Supplies 426 Jerry Lane Check, VA 24072

Email: 7springs@swva.net

800-540-9181

Website: https://www.7springsfarm.com/about-us/

Seven Springs Farm was established in 1990 by Ron Juftes and Polly Hieser. Both are trained horticulturalists with many years of experience. Leaving behind their landscaping and tree service business in Pennsylvania, they moved to Floyd County, VA after being inspired by its beauty and community. In 1991 the first CSA in the area was born at Seven Springs. In 1994 they started the Organic Farming and Gardening Products retail store on the farm, where soil amendments and organic pest control products were sold to the local farmers. The CSA is run by Polly and the products business is run by Ron. Today, the CSA has grown to over a 100 members and provides some of the highest quality food a farmer can grow. Members can join by going to the CSA link on the website homepage. The Organic Farming and Gardening Supply Catalog serves farmers and gardeners nationwide as well as international. The business has a network of dealers in more than 10 states. Refer to our website's Dealer Locator map for more information on being a dealer or finding a dealer in your area. Our philosophy is to be stewards of the land in the most ecological way possible. We use farming methods that build the fertility of the soil, such as application of organic fertilizers and biodynamically made compost. Pest management is achieved through cultural practices and the use of biologically and botanically-based materials.

#### **Hill House Native Plants**

631 Scrabble Road Castleton, VA 22716 540-937-1798

Email: <u>4cgardeners@copper.ne</u>

http://hillhousenativeplants.com/about us

We are dedicated to growing high-quality native plants for gardens, landscape restoration projects and habitat creation. The plants we offer are chosen for their aesthetic qualities, their durability, their vigor, and their wildlife benefits. We sell only our own nursery-grown plants that come from seed or division, or are propagated vegetatively—never wild-collected. They sell

non-GMO and non-neonic. Our goal is to help our customers create harmonious gardens and diversity-rich landscapes, and to preserve and restore our natural ecosystems by doing so.

## **Hummingbird Hill Native Plant Nursery**

4190 Free Union Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901

Email: <a href="mailto:hummingbirdhillnatives@gmail.com">hummingbirdhillnatives@gmail.com</a>
Website: <a href="http://www.hummingbirdhillnatives.com/">http://www.hummingbirdhillnatives.com/</a>

Hummingbird Hill Native Plant Nursery is a retail nursery located in the heart of Free Union, Virginia. We offer a large selection of quality container grown native plants including wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, grasses and vines for the mid-Atlantic region. What we grow: Virginia natives! We grow species that are adapted to the climate and soils that naturally occur in Virginia. Most of our plants are in deep 1 quart pots or larger. We use deep pots to encourage strong root development and healthy plants. We are happy to help you decide which species are best suited to your site and to help plan your native planting! How we grow it: We use organic, natural growing methods so our plants are safe for the environment, safe for people and safe for visiting pollinators, butterflies, hummingbirds, songbirds and other wildlife. Our plants are nursery propagated. We do not collect plants from the wild. Please visit our nursery to purchase plants. We don't ship.

These places are NOT in Virginia, but you can buy their zone specific natives online:

Urban Farmer Seeds 120 E 161st Street Westfield, Indiana, 46074 1-317-600-2807

Website: https://www.ufseeds.com/about/about-our-seeds/

At Urban Farmer we produce over 40+ varieties of seed each year from our farm in Westfield, Indiana. We always select the best strains of the varieties we grow, resulting in higher yields, uniform growth, and delicious flavor. Our goal is to preserve as many heirloom vegetable

varieties for future generations as possible. In addition to producing seed on our farm in Indiana we work closely with with a network of growers both in Indiana and across the United States to produce seed for us. All Urban Farmer seed is guaranteed to be non-GMO and free from genetic engineering. We take several measures to ensure you always receive the correct seed in a timely manner. We understand the importance of timing in gardening and farming, so we pride ourselves in fast shipping. We offer a "Virginia Blend" of non-gmo wildflower seeds: <a href="https://www.ufseeds.com/product/virginia-wildflower-seed/">https://www.ufseeds.com/product/virginia-wildflower-seed/</a>

## Johnny's Seeds

13 Upper Main Street Fairfield, Maine

Phone: 1-877-564-6697

Website: https://www.johnnyseeds.com/

#### Renee's Garden

6060 Graham Hill Rd. Felton, CA 95018 TEL 1.888.880.7228

https://www.reneesgarden.com/pages/contact-us

## **Prairie Nursery, Inc.**

P.O. Box 306 Westfield, WI 53964 1-800-476-9453

Website: https://www.prairienursery.com/store/native-plants/for-clay-soils

This is native plant online store that pledges: Prairie Nursery is Neonicotinoid-Free.

#### We do not use neonicotinoids in any part of our plant growing process.

Though they are located in Wisconsin, they provide a list of native plants suitable for clay soil. Their founder worked in the Virginia park service during college.

# **Companies and Nurseries that Sell Organic Seedlings and Plants**

This list is an ongoing project. We began searching for organic nurseries in our own backyard, in Washington, DC, and inquired whether they had organic plants, and who supplied them if they did not grow them themselves. A lot of the local nurseries grow their own, but there are a few that get their seedlings from bigger wholesalers, or from organic farms in the region. As we continue to grow this list, we encourage you to ask your local nurseries if they grow or provide organic plants.

| Plant<br>Distr<br>ibuto<br>rs      | Locati<br>on/<br>Regio<br>n | Phone                                 | Website  | What type<br>of<br>seedlings/<br>plants   | Distrib<br>ution |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Brigh<br>tflow<br>er<br>Farm       | Illinoi<br>s                | jeaniem@brightflo<br>werfarm.com      | www.brightflowerfarm.com                         |   |                  |
| Crim<br>son<br>Sage<br>Nurs<br>ery | Califo<br>rnia              | 530-627-3065                          | www.crimson-sage.com                             |   |                  |
| Nativ e Sprin gs Nurs ery          | Califo<br>rnia              | 530-774-4363 (c)                      | www.nativespringsnursery.co<br>m                 | All organic,<br>no starter<br>plants  | Nationa<br>1     |
| The Natur al Gard ening Com pany   | Califo<br>rnia              | 707-766-9303                          | www.naturalgardening.com                         |   |                  |
| Natur<br>eLee<br>Inpir<br>ed       | Orego<br>n                  | 541-324-8107 Leefinney0209@g mail.com | https://www.facebook.com/<br>GoldHillBeeCityUSA/ | Monarch Sanctuary/ Pollinator Demo Gardens/ Milkweed and other Pollinator Friendly Host and Nectar Plants |                  |

| Rolli<br>ng<br>River<br>Nurs<br>ery    | Califo<br>rnia | 530-627-3120 | www.rollingrivernursery.com      | Organic tree seedlings | Nationa<br>1 |
|--|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Wald en Heig hts Nurs ery and Orch ard | Vermo<br>nt    | 802-563-3012 | www.waldenheightsnursery.c<br>om |                        |              |
| Whos<br>e<br>Orga<br>nics              | Wisco<br>nsin  | 608-217-4698 | www.whoseorganics.com            |                        |              |

# If you shop in a local store for plants, look for these brands:

Nurseries that DON'T use neonicotinoid pesticides

#### **Plants:**

- Annie's Annuals: No neonics
- **Bonnie Plants**: No
- **Digging Dog Nursery**: No on the plants they personally grow, but they do re-sell plants that they purchased from other nurseries, so call and ask before ordering whether the plants you wish to purchase were grown on-site. They expressed that they are happy to direct people to the plants they grew personally and that those are all free of neonics.
- Emerisa Gardens: No, EXCEPT on young Phormiums see below
- Eschraghi Nursery: No
- EuroAmerican Propagators: No as of 7/14 (EuroAmerican grows many Proven Winners liners, so this is an excellent source for neonic-free PW plants)
- Iseli Nursery: No
- Monrovia Nursery: No. "Recently, as part of our continuous improvement process, we have reviewed our methods of pest management and have removed all use of neonicotinoids. We are concerned about the health of our planet's environment and take our commitment to stewardship seriously. We believe a healthy pollinator population is

important to our environment and grow thousands of plants to maintain habitats and food sources for pollinators. "

• Plant Delights Nursery: No

• Pleasant View Gardens: No as of 1/15

• Prairie Nursery: No

• Prairie Moon Nursery: No

• Skagit Gardens: No use as of 1/15

• **Suncrest**: No use as of 7/14

- Terra Nova Nurseries: No, but not entirely happy about it. "They were safer for humans for re-entry into greenhouses and very useful as long as you do not spray flowering crops that bees and other pollinators could get at. Now we all must find new or return to older less safe products if we need to use something to chemically-control pest like spider mites and other insects." Larry Finley
- Walters Gardens: No use as of 7/14 (Walters Gardens grows many Proven Winners liners, so this is an excellent source for neonic-free PW plants)
- Xera Plants: No

#### Seeds:

• Baker Creek: No

• **Botanical Interests**: No

• Fedco: No

• Maine Potato Lady: No

Native Seeds: NoPeaceful Valley: NoRenee's Garden: No

Seed Savers: No

• Sustainable Seed Company: No

• Territorial Seed: No