

**HHP FARMERS CLUB**  
**NEW FARMER GENERAL INFORMATION**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to Seabrook Farm and the HHP Farmers Club. Take a moment to get further acquainted with the HHP Farmers Club by visiting our website at [www.hhpfarmers.com](http://www.hhpfarmers.com). Here you will find information about the club's governing documents, Board of Directors, dinner schedule, useful contacts, crop planting schedules, and links to Master Gardeners who can help you answer questions. If you haven't lived here very long, you may find that farming here is very different from what you are used to. Everyone listed on our website is available to provide advice and help you to succeed.

**HISTORY OF THE SEABROOK FARM**

Hilton Head Plantation made five acres of land available to the Farmers Club through a lease agreement in 1980. Because the farm is a very visible piece of property, we are all responsible for keeping it looking good. Over the years, we have grown fruits and vegetables that we have made available for sale to HHP residents at our seasonal Farmers Market. The summer Farmers Market has assorted vegetables, fruit, honey and jams during a ten week stretch in May and July. In November and December, our fall market offers citrus, jams, honey and vegetables. Both sales draw lots of residents and the resulting revenue helps keep our fees relatively low.

**LAYOUT OF THE FARM**

The farm is laid out in 50' X 50' sections each of which has four corner posts that define its boundaries. There are 55 of these sections separated by approximately ten foot wide pathways. Each section contains approximately four 25'x25' plots for a total of 216 plots.

Plot holders are responsible for keeping the pathways around their plots clean and clear. Tools, hoses, plants, weeds, debris, garden implements, and storage bins must be kept within the boundaries of the plots. All plantings must be confined to within the plot area.

**MEMBERSHIP**

A member must be either a HHP property owner or HHP long-term renter. A Primary Member is an individual or family that leases a plot or plots. Two members can share a plot but only one is designated as the primary member. As a member, you are entitled to the assignment of one or more plots (up to maximum of four) to grow produce; use of the water supply to your plot; use of the Farmers Club equipment; attendance at the Farmers Club monthly dinner meetings; one vote per primary member; the quiet enjoyment of your garden plot.

A Social member is an individual or family who do not lease a farm plot but agrees to volunteer in the Farmers Club activities. For more detailed information, see the Rules document on the website.

**WAITING LIST**

Because of the popularity of our farm plots, we usually have a waiting list. To be added to the list for a plot, contact the Plot Coordinator via the email link on the website.

## DUES AND FEES

Farm plot leases run from January 1 to December 31 and plot fees for the upcoming year must be paid in advance by December 15th. The current lease charge is \$30 per plot per year and membership dues are \$20 per year. When a plot is assigned to a new member or an additional plot is assigned to an existing member, a one-time non-refundable per plot conditioning fee of \$50 must be paid in advance of the assignment.

This one time non-refundable fee is intended to offset some of the expenses incurred by the HHP Farmers Club in preparing plots that have not been left clean and orderly by the previous lessee. Plots will be assigned after being fully cleaned and tilled at the effort and/or expense of the HHP Farmers Club.

## FARM EQUIPMENT

Some equipment is available for members' use after they have been trained. Contact the equipment maintenance coordinator via the email link on the website for training.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Meetings and dinners are held on the first Thursday evening of the month except January, July and August. Information appropriate to all is usually covered at this time. More information about meetings and dinners, such as themes, reservations, and prices can be found on the website at the dinner tab.

## IRRIGATION

The Farmers Club has its own well for the irrigation of your plants. Water from the well is not fit for drinking or for any use other than irrigation. Each plot has its own water post which makes water readily available for your plot(s). Consult the Rules document on the website for the detailed rules regarding how and when you may use the irrigation system.

## DEER FENCE

The farm is enclosed by an electric fence to keep deer out. CAUTION: Touching the electric fence will shock you. Do not allow any objects to come into contact with the fence. They will short it out.

## GATE CONTROL

POA security unlocks the gate every morning and locks it every evening. Farmers should shut the barn doors and close but not lock the gates when leaving in the evening in order to keep deer out.

## ORCHARDS

The Farmers Club has several orchards including citrus, blueberries, apples, figs, peaches, and pecans all of which are the property of the Farmers Club. These items are sold during the year to generate club revenue and may not be picked without written permission from the board. If there is any question regarding disposition of the fruit, the Executive Board and the orchard manager will make a decision.

## VOLUNTEERING

The Farmers Club thrives because of volunteers who give their time and energy. The club is managed by four elected officers and an appropriate number of appointed committee chairpersons all of whom are uncompensated members. The club's dinners, sales, and all other activities are performed by volunteers. Consider how you can help to ensure the success of the Farmers Club.

We hope you will enjoy the fruits of your labors, and the camaraderie of your fellow farmers! The purpose of the club is to grow vegetables, fruits, and/or flowers for use by the members, their families and friends.

Thank you for making the decision to become an active farmer in the Seabrook Farm. We sincerely hope it will be an amazing experience for you.