Laura Collins

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**Experience**

Americorps, 11/2017-07/2018 Polk Ag Econ Development: Farm to Community Outreach Coordinator; Hosting friends of Ag Breakfast, assisting farms with presentations & workshops

GRO: Columbus, Tryon Farmers Market Manager 08/2017 to 11/2017: Coordinating with vendors, collecting fees, marketing, creating fun events/atmosphere

Bio-Way Farm 03/2016 to 08/2017: overseeing and guiding volunteers, crop planning, transplanting and direct seeding, inventory control, processing and delivering orders, processing weekly CSA shares, managing Saturday Farmer’s Market operations, Social Media, daily farm activities- harvesting, weeding, raising hogs and chickens, organic certification compliance, email correspondence with CSA members/chefs

The Farm At Rabon Creek 03/2015 to 03/2016: daily feeding/watering livestock (cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, goats, donkeys), check/repair barbed wire and electric fencing, moving livestock, corralling loose livestock, assisting worming and hoof trimming

Whole Foods Market 03/2013 to12/2014: Produce Clerk, stocking, culling, creating tasteful displays, signage, customer education, maintaining organic integrity

Earth Fare 04/2008-05/2015: Demo & Event Coordinator, Produce Clerk

**Academics**

Caldwell Community College: 2009 Graduated Associate in Arts/Sociology

Mauldin High School: 2004 Graduated with Honors

**Skills**

Clemson University: 10/2015 to 05/2016 SC New And Beginning Farmer Program;

Cultivate Conference: 03/05/2016

Clemson University: 03/10/016 Wholesale Success/Post Harvest Handling

CFSA Conference: 11/2016

Managing Cover Crops Profitably: 05/07/2017 Clemson University

Organic Growers School: 03/2018 Spring Conference

**Qualities**

Strong attention to detail, organization skills. efficient, responsible, demonstrates follow through, proficient in organic certification and integrity, basic permaculture knowledge, crop planning experience, Servsafe Certification, knowledge of raising chickens from incubation to processing, SCDA egg licensed, canning/ preserving knowledge, passion for growing herbs

*References Available Upon Request*