Scott Adam Smith

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Agriculturalist, apiarist, educator and thoughtful leader with over 15 years of professional experience specializing in operational management, program development and team leadership.

Farm Director + Farm Manager

Jan 2025 - current

One Oak Farm at The Umstead Hotel and Spa, Cary, NC

- Oversight and direct management of 3-acre farm, focusing on specialty culinary crops and culturally significant crops of the Southeast and Appalachia.
- Development and implementation of IPM program, employing all organic practices (not certified).
- Daily management of the farm team, currently 3 farmers and increasing to 5 in 2026.
- Manage farm budget, including mid to long-term capital expenditures and employee payroll.
- Forbes 'Triple 5 Star' Award

Director of Agricultural Operations and Programming + Farm Manager

Oct 2021 - December 2024

SingleThread Farms (STF), Healdsburg, CA

- Management of 7-acre farm primarily supplying 3 Michelin Star restaurant (SingleThread Farm, Restaurant and Inn), on-site farm store, wholesale customers and a 40 member CSA program. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Management of daily and long term farm operations; design and implementation of crop plan; financial oversight and management of farm budget; management of farm team (6-10 people depending on season); communication of all farm availability to restaurant, wholesale customers and farm store; tool, supply and seed purchasing; beekeeping and honey production.
- Development, oversight and execution of STF Educational Workshops. Responsibilities including both curriculum development and instruction.
- Creation & launch of successful CSA program, serving 40 members at time of departure. Responsibilities included member communication & retention, management of crop selection & harvest timeline for CSA, organization of member pick-ups.
- Slow Food 'Snail of Approval' Award
- Michelin 'Green Star'
- 'Best CSA', Healdsburg Tribune 2023

Owner

2021 - current

Flyover Cider Company, Napa, CA

Farm Manager Sept 2017 - Sept 2019 and March 2020 - September 2021 *Heidrun Meadery*, Point Reyes Station, CA

Director of US Sales March 2019 - March 2020 *Neal's Yard Dairy*, London, UK

Assistant Farm Manager March 2017 - October 2017 Honest Heirlooms, Calistoga, CA

Director of Operations, Chef de Cave + Cheesemaker 2012-2017 *The Cellars at Jasper Hill*, Greensboro, VT

Education

2006 Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Missouri

Certifications and recognitions

- 2025 Wake County NC Beekeepers Association, Certified Beekeeper
- 2023 CA Master Beekeepers Program, Apprentice level, UC Davis
- 2022 NeverSink Market Farming Course, NeverSink Farm
- 2021 Floret Flower Farming Workshop, Floret Flower Farm
- 2017 Holistic Orchard Management Intensive, Lost Nation Orchard with Michael Phillips
- 2015 Mushroom Cultivation Short Course, Sterling College with Tradd Cotter