

Battle Family Farm

General Business Plan (Concept Plan)

1. Mission & Vision

Battle Family Farm is a mission-driven, regenerative family farm dedicated to food sovereignty, soil restoration, and community education. Our vision is to strengthen local food systems by improving soil health, producing ethical food, and teaching others how to grow food in both small and rural spaces. We aim to honor existing farmland by building upon current systems, respecting land legacy, and stewarding farms forward for future generations.

A core part of our mission is the development of an incubator farm program that supports beginning farmers through hands-on education, mentorship, and practical experience while maintaining active production on the land.

2. Farm Operations Overview

Battle Family Farm operates using diversified, regenerative systems designed to improve soil health while producing food for the local community.

Livestock & Poultry

Pasture-raised chickens for meat and egg production

Hatchery and brooder operations supporting layers, meat birds, and educational programming

Rotational grazing and mobile housing systems

Crop & Growing Systems

Regenerative gardens using polyculture and companion planting

Food forest with native and locally adapted plants

High tunnel for seed starting, workshops, and season extension

Mushroom Production

Small-scale indoor mushroom production from spore to fruit

Passive outdoor mushroom cultivation integrated into garden beds

Use of mushroom compost and spent substrate for soil regeneration

Infrastructure & Processing

Cold storage and storage facilities

Support for humane processing education and safe food handling

Maintenance and improvement of existing farm infrastructure

3. Farming Practices & Land Stewardship

Battle Family Farm prioritizes long-term soil health and ecological resilience. Practices include:

Regenerative, conservation-focused agriculture

Elimination of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers

Soil rebuilding through composting, mycelium networks, and cover cropping

Livestock integration to naturally fertilize and improve soil

Water-conscious practices including rainwater collection

Our approach emphasizes strengthening existing systems rather than replacing them, ensuring continuity of care for the land.

4. Education, Incubator Program & Agritourism

Education is central to Battle Family Farm's purpose. The farm functions as a learning space offering:

Youth garden and agricultural education programs

Poultry and hatchery life-cycle learning

An incubator farm program for beginning farmers

Workshops on soil health, mushrooms, small-scale farming, and sustainability

Agritourism activities including farm visits, demonstrations, and seasonal events

These programs support knowledge-sharing while keeping the farm active and productive.

5. Community Focus & Food Access

All production is intended to primarily serve the surrounding local community. The farm prioritizes:

Local food access and food-insecure communities

Partnerships with schools, homeschool groups, and community organizations

Community gardens and incentive-based growing programs

The goal is to create a farm that is both economically viable and socially beneficial.

6. Experience & Capacity

The operators of Battle Family Farm bring hands-on experience in livestock care, poultry production, mushroom cultivation, community gardening, and regenerative growing practices. Experience includes working with established farms, managing on-farm production, and continuous skill development through mentorship and applied learning.

7. Growth & Transition Goals

Battle Family Farm is well-suited for land access through lease, lease-to-own, or gradual transition arrangements. Our goal is long-term stewardship, maintaining productivity, and ensuring the land remains actively farmed, improved, and respected.