

Christopher Chaisson

Regenerative Operations Director

About Me

25 year regenerative farm veteran with proven leadership, organizational problem-solving, and advanced operational skills. Expert building CPG and agriculture companies from the ground up. Improving existing operations with innovative, sustainable. and Lean approaches. Focused on using training, monitoring, and morale-building techniques to maximize employee engagement and performance.

Relevant Experience

- Develop and manage P and L, budgets, financials up to 5 mil. I
- Design/build/master planning for 100+ farm and food operations
- •Provide manufacturing improvements and operations flow for 5-10k units/day
- Built and direct Operations of 126 acre Research farm Roxboro, NC
- Hired, managed, trained, payroll for up to 60 staff direct reports
- Manage Supply chain/procurement for projects to 10 million
- Product development of 50 + novel culinary and nutritional supplements
- Achieved 5 organic certifications for organizations in food manufacturing
- Set up, operate and direct copacking for 15 different brands
- Direct launch of 25 plus products into CPG markets nationwide.
- Operate HPLC and GC analytics for product R & D
- Develop compliance for USDA Organic, GMP, HACCP, Cannabis Control
- Direct hot pack and dry fill operations fopr beverages to cocoa.

Work History

Lab Director - Bens Best Blenz - 2022-'23 Operations Director - Vermont Skunkworx - 2022-'23

Founder/Owner Eleven Acre Farm - 2014-'23

Founder/Owner Wild Branch Foods - 2009-'23 -

Director of Cultivation and Research - Open Book Extracts - 2019

Director/founder/CEO - Whole Farm Services -2008-'18 Instructor- Yestermorrow Design/Build School - 2008- '20
Founder/CEO - Living Legacy Earth Repair Nursery - 2002- '07
Horticulturalist - Champlain Valley Landscaping - 2000-'02
Team Builder/Facilitator- BU Sargent Center - 1998- 2002

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Hard Skills

- CGMP tracking, SOP creation CFR 110,111.
- Warehouse, receiving & logistics
- CIP system development
- Food equipment procure & installation
- Mechanical aptitude
- ERP/ Management tools
- · Continuous improvment methodology

Soft Skills

- Self starter/adaptabilty
- Team Building/leadership
- · Decision making
- Communication
- Negotiations
- Debriefing/interviewing

Education

- UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT | Burlington, VT Agriculture Business Planning and Management, Certificate|2001
- VT TECHNICAL COLLEGE |Randolph, VT Landscape Design and Horticulture| 2000-2002
- OCCIDENTAL ARTS & ECOLOGY |Occidental, CA Permaculture Design Certificate| 1999
- BOSTON UNIVERSITY |Boston, MA 2,000-hour Master Experiential Education Program Internship| 1997-98