



STOGROW

*St. Olaf Garden Research and
Organic Works*

HISTORY

- STOGROW was started in 2005 by juniors Dayna Burtness and Dan Borek
- Received funding from Finstad Grant and SGA
- Given land by St. Olaf College on St. James Farm

Basic Information:

- STOGROW is a student-run organic farm at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.
- Students (up to five) do everything from ordering seeds to final harvest, including administrative tasks such as record keeping and accounting.
- The farm is a little over a half acre in size, located on St. Olaf lands, about a mile from central campus, just outside the natural lands.



OPERATING PROCESS

- What to plant?
- Determining prices
- Relationship with Bon Appetit
- Hiring student workers
- Accounting
- Connections with campus



Campus Sustainability

- Compost
- Student volunteers & involvement
- Creating awareness
- Local produce
- Regent's Hall Greenhouse
- Farm to college
- Crop rotation and companion planting
- Researching organic methods of pest control



The garden at the beginning of the growing season. The irrigation system is aligned with the rows of vegetables. If you look close, you can see the small tomato transplants that were recently planted.



Flowers are an important feature of the garden— not only are they a beautiful addition, but they are also essential in attracting bees and other beneficial pollinating insects. The flowers planted this year were donated by a local nursery.



What do we grow at STOGROW?

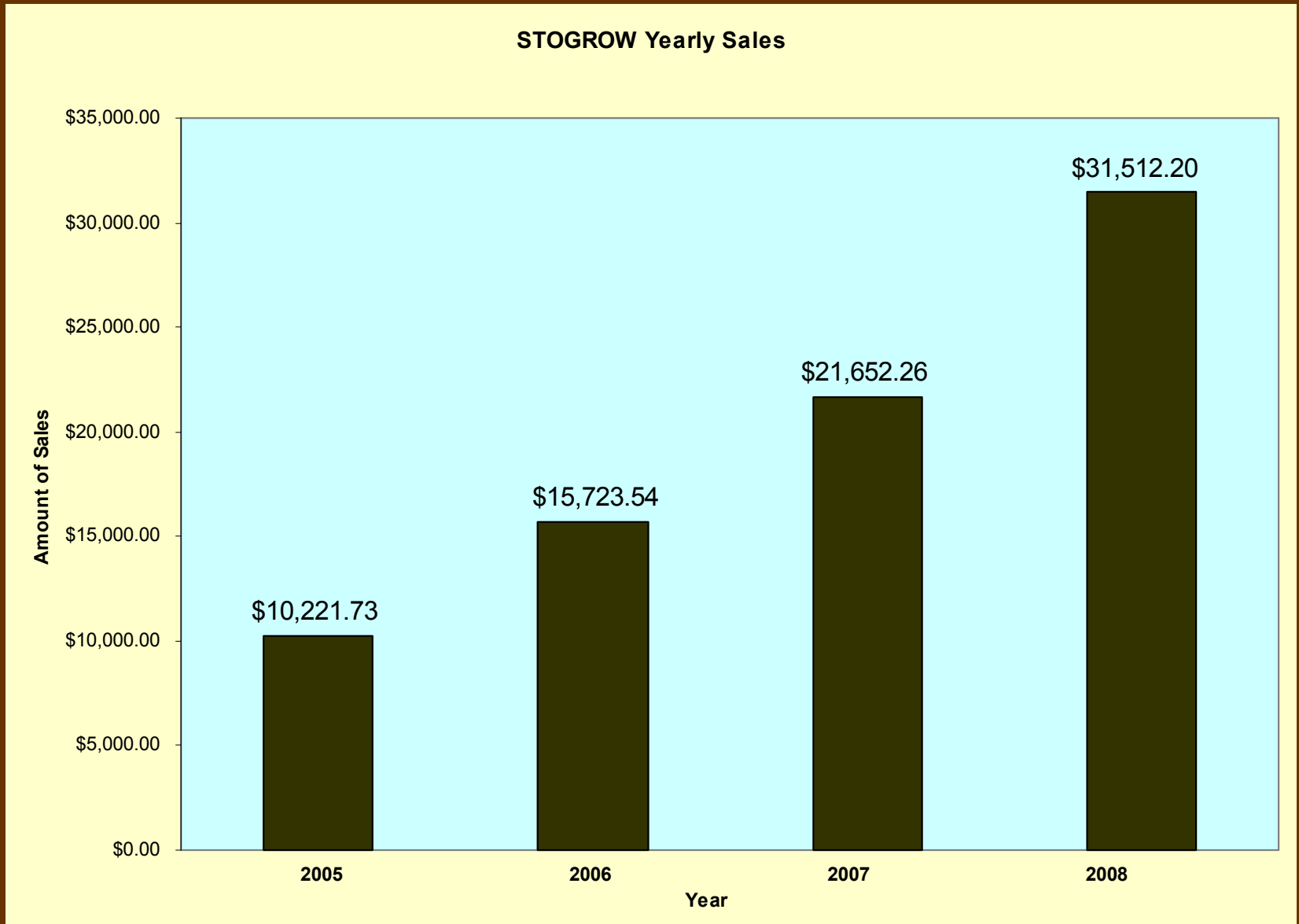
- Our four staple crops are:
 - Tomato (81.5% of 2008 produce sales)
 - Squash (0.8%)
 - Eggplant (0.5%)
 - Pepper (0.3%)



Other Crops include:

- Green Beans
- Peas
- Cucumbers
- Carrots
- Beets
- Onions
- Radishes
- Herbs– Basil, Tarragon, Sage, Thyme, Cilantro, Oregano, Rosemary
- Kale
- Greens Mixes, Spinach
- Raspberries and Black Raspberries
- Watermelon
- Canteloupe
- Pumpkins

Produce Sales 2006-2008:











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- A farmer's touch...









The Greenhouse





STOGROW Events:

- Annual Farm Festival– Usually held in the fall, this is an event open to students and the surrounding Northfield community. Guests come to enjoy the weather, take a peek at the garden, mingle with each other (and the chickens, of course), eat food prepared by Bon Appetit with STOGROW produce, and listen to local talented musicians.
- 5k Walk/Run– This event was new to the farm this year, but we had such a success, we are already planning on our next walk/run through the St. Olaf natural lands.
- Tours– Several St. Olaf groups and Northfield community groups have attended the farm, and continue to do so, most often during the summer months. Young and old come to see what the produce fuss is all about.
- STOGROW also presents at a variety of group events– ranging from presentations at churches and schools, to college conferences specifically focused on agriculture and sustainability.

STOGROW Farm Festival 2008



- Snacks prepared by Bon Appetit with fresh STOGROW produce. (Zucchini bread, gazpacho, green bean salad, baba ga noosh)









Questions? Comments?

Want more info?

- Email farmers@stolaf.edu for more information. If you would like to be added to our email alias for updates on harvest days and other special events, please email us. We'd love to hear from you!
- Visit <http://www.stolaf.edu/orgs/stogrow/> for pictures, an updated blog, and links to other important resources.