

GROWING FUTURES



Taste, Engage, Express

**SENSORY IMMERSION AND FARM
ACTIVITIES**

SERVING MAUI STUDENTS GRADES 3-12

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Growing Futures is an immersive, farm-based AgSTEM initiative that inspires fresh food curiosity and reconnects youth to local agriculture.

Hands-on farm labor, produce sampling, and youth video reflection dynamically reignites Aloha 'Āina and turns students into active stakeholders in Maui's food system.

We have reached 350 students since our January 2026 launch.

Our goal in 2027 is to reach 1,400 students across Maui County!

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FROM IMPORT MINDSET
TO ISLAND SOVEREIGNTY



BEFORE

Big-Box Blind Spots; Majority of Students:
First Time To Working Farm
No Awareness of Maui's Ecological Assets
See Farming As Background Industry



AFTER

First Hand Connection To Maui's Fertile Soil
Sensory Awakening - Trying ~12 Unique Crops
Elevated Appreciation - Farmers As
Guardians of Health



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FARM FRESH FEEDBACK



Jan - Teacher - 'Iao Intermediate

This is a perfect opportunity for the kids to learn, to expose themselves to farming. To get their hands dirty, to turn their hands over and work onto the land. And give back!



Ryan - Farmer & Site Host - 'Oko'a Farms

Teaching the next generation to grow food is of utmost priority. We're losing farmers every year. If we can inspire even one of these kids to want to grow their own food, all the effort to bring them out here is worth it.



Elijah - Student - Kalama Intermediate

It's better when food doesn't come from the mainland because you're supporting local farms, and it makes Hawai'i thrive better.



Kaili - Student - 'Iao Intermediate

I feel like it's really important for kids our age to participate in this, so they know where the food is from and how to take care of it. It makes them more thankful for the food we have because farming is not easy.



Janice -Parent Chaperone & Nutritionist

The leaders brought the students complementary, unique teaching styles that clearly suited our group. Talking to the other chaperones, I could see how much they loved it, how engaged they were in the activities, and even helping to keep the kids staying on task.