

JOHNSON'S BACKYARD GARDEN

FARM PROFILE

This month's featured farm is Johnson's Backyard Garden, located in Austin, the capital city of the Lone Star State. The name Johnson's Backyard Garden (JBG) says a lot. In 2004, the Johnson family turned their backyard in an Austin neighborhood into a working garden and started selling their fruits and vegetables at a local farmers market.

In 2006, JBG started their CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) Program and began providing vegetables to about 30 Austin families every week. The farm soon took over the front and side yards, too, leaving the Johnson children with little room to play.

Later that year, JBG bought 20 acres of land five miles away from downtown Austin — giving the kids more room to play and the farm more room to grow. Today, JBG has gone from being a backyard garden to being a modern farm operating on about 200 acres, and delivering vegetables all over Central Texas. They also foster a community of pollinators such as bees and butterflies that help make sure all of the plants stay happy and healthy and they are able to grow the best tasting produce possible on their Central Texas soil.

Farmer Brenton Johnson and farm dog Roxie



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Owner: Brenton Johnson

Founded: 2004

Location: Cedar Creek, Texas

Specialty: Organic produce



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