



# JAMIE CRUZ

Jamie Cruz owns and operates Springdell Farm in Littleton, Massachusetts with her mom, Paula; a diversified small fruit, vegetable and livestock operation nestled in a small town just minutes outside of Boston. Jamie concentrates on crop and greenhouse production and her mother concentrates on livestock production. The farm produces berries, vegetables, flowers, cattle, hogs, poultry, lambs and goats. All the items grown and raised on the home-farm and from the nearby parcels of rented land are sold through their roadside farm stand, various farm share

programs, to a few locally-owned restaurants and a small, family-owned supermarket chain. Jamie's interest in agriculture goes beyond just growing produce; each year she invites community members to the farm to get their hands dirty and shoes muddy; bringing folks into the fields and greenhouses to learn how to seed and care for plants. She also runs a farm youth group that allows kids that did not have the opportunity to grow up on a farm to interact with animals, learn about growing food and care for plants. Jamie served as the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Chair for four years, has been seated as the Chair of the Littleton Agricultural Commission since 2006 and is also currently serving on the Middlesex County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and as Director at Large on the State Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation.