

Known & Grown Community Guidelines

The Known & Grown community is built on the principles of trust, integrity, respect, community empowerment, and collaboration.

Trust is the foundation of our program. During our audit process, we trust that the information you provide is true and that the environmental stewardship practices demonstrated will continue without further monitoring. This trust also applies to the relationships you will have in our Known & Grown community. As a member of Known and Grown STL you are representing your farm, the Known and Grown program, and all the farmers in the program.

Our expectation is that farmers act with transparency, integrity, and respect towards one another, K&G staff, and in marketing and communications with the public. All K&G farmers share a core value of environmental stewardship, but otherwise have many differences in production methods, farming philosophies, access to resources, traditions, and cultures. We believe that a diversity of farms and farmers is most beneficial to the food growing community. In convening this diverse group of farmers, there is no tolerance for slander or libel, racism, name calling, or any other disrespectful treatment. We encourage community engagement that uplifts and empowers all.

The K&G staff works to promote and facilitate communication, networking, and relationship building between farmers in the K&G network. By joining Known & Grown, you are agreeing to participate in a network of farmers all working to improve the local food system. We all do better when we all do better.

Any farm that violates these Community Guidelines is subject to action by the Known and Grown Farmer Advisory Committee, which may include suspension or exclusion of your farm from the program.