

The Why

Why should institutions have farms?

Possible reasons to have a farm:

- Financial
- Educational
- Food for students, guests
- Outreach
- It's the Blueprint
- Because Sister White says so

What did Sister White say?

Working the soil is one of the best kinds of employment, calling the muscles into action and resting the mind. Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools. This is the very first work that should be entered upon. Our schools should not depend upon imported produce, for grain and vegetables, and the fruits so essential to health. Our youth need an education in felling trees and tilling the soil as well as in literary lines.

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It is God's plan that agriculture shall be connected with the work of our sanitariums and schools. Our youth need the education to be gained from this line of work.

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Had there been agricultural and manufacturing establishments connected with our schools, and had competent teachers been employed to educate the youth in the different branches of study and labor, devoting a portion of each day to mental improvement and a portion to physical labor, there would now be a more elevated class of youth to come upon the stage of action to have influence in molding society. Many of the youth who would graduate at such institutions would come forth with stability of character.

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Exercise in the open air should be prescribed as a life-giving necessity. And for such exercises there is nothing better than the cultivation of the soil.

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In itself the beauty of nature leads the soul away from sin and worldly attractions and toward purity, peace, and God. For this reason the cultivation of the soil is good work for children and youth. It brings them into direct contact with nature and nature's God.

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Great place to start:

Education

Chapter 24

“Self-Support”

Fundamentals of Christian Education

page 322

Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students

page 311

When read in context, these quotes are speaking of teaching the students to support *themselves* through agriculture and other trades.

Production vs. People

What is the mission of the institution?

- Probably has to do with some form of outreach
- Probably focused on helping people in some way

What is the mission of the farm?

- Should support the mission of the institution
- Should meet a need of the institution

Should we expect a farm to be profitable?

- Think of a market garden — Do they often have massive surplus profits?
- How much capital goes into starting one?
- Making a profit doesn't always mean profitable

Why you need a Why

- Unknown expectations lead to unmet expectations
- A vision for the farm that is built for longevity and sustainability will transcend personnel changes
- Helps to determine if the farm is fulfilling its purpose
 - You need to know what that purpose is!
 - Fulfilling its purpose means the farm is successful

Focus

If you don't know what to say "no" to,
you will not know what to say "yes" to

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