



Farming For the Climate and Humanity



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A view spanning the middle of the farm overlooking a few old tobacco barns.

Why is Claggett Farm so Cool?

For those that don't know, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, CBF, was gifted an area of land to be dedicated as a farm. Claggett Farm serves as a model to other farmers in the region for sustainable climate and Chesapeake Bay protective practices whilst still generating lots of nutritious foods.



A group of farmers and volunteers spreading straw mulch over a tomato/pepper field.

Bottle feeding a runt lamb with fortified milk



A volunteer looking over 800 pounds of freshly harvested potatoes.

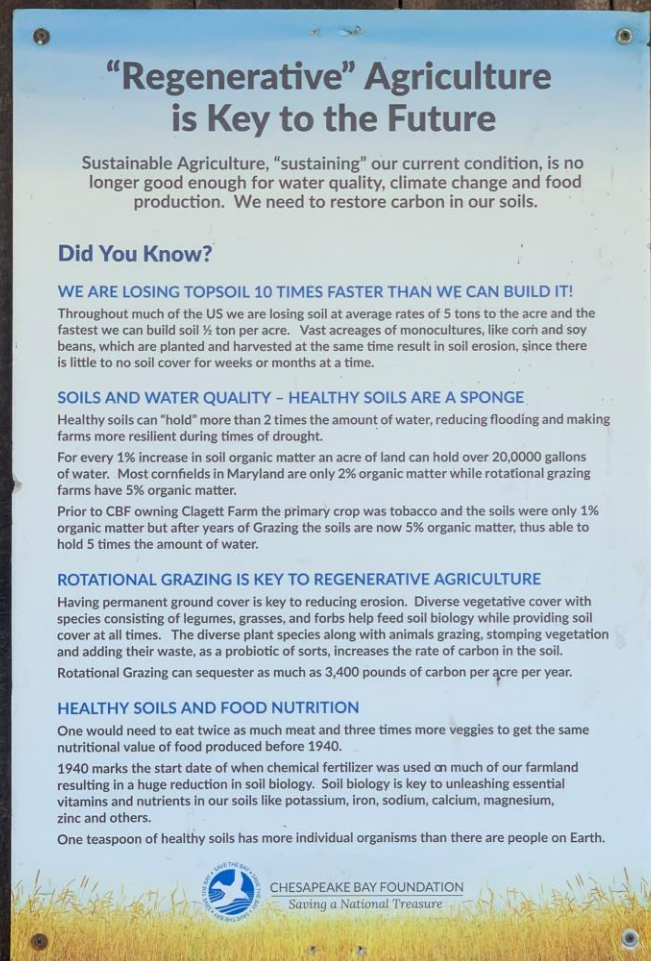
What I Did:

I had a range of activities on the farm site:

- + Assisting in teaching volunteers about what we were doing and/or plants
- + Harvesting and planting various crops throughout the season
- + Working with the sheep (bottle-feeding lambs, moving sheep from pasture to pasture)

Impact on my life:

This experience has really opened my eyes. I've always had a special connection to the land and agriculture but growing up in Maryland I did have the exposure like many of my Midwestern friends. By working at Claggett, I've realized that I may want to pursue agriculture as a career path. I'm planning on returning to Claggett this summer 2022 as a paid employee instead of a volunteer. Seeing so many people connect to farming, many of which never have before was unspeakably beautiful



A sign explaining why regenerative agriculture is important



New planting equipment for the tractor



Freshly picked strawberries

A garlic field that we picked the scapes off

Issues Confronting Site:

Some of the issues at Claggett are just inherent to agriculture in general. These include weather, insects/pests, invariable labor. Since Claggett relies heavily on volunteers some days there would be a lot of help and others where each individual had to do much more. Pests are always a consideration in agriculture. All of this occurs whilst trying to provide food for those in need and benefit the climate system.



Straw mulched field

Future Work Goals:

I plan to create my own farm like Claggett. I think these ideals are extremely important and educating people about their food system is crucial. I truly believe a lot about agriculture is lost of many people today due to the prevalence of huge agribusinesses.

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