

# FEATHERSTONE FARM

Fillmore County, MN

## SIZE

250 acres of certified organic farmland

## FARMERS

Jack Hedin, Jenni McHugh & crew



## FARM VISION

Featherstone Farm is committed to growing high quality, certified organic fresh vegetables, in a way that reflects values of personal, financial and environmental sustainability. Featherstone is committed to fairness, social justice, and building an equitable regional food system.

## ABOUT THE FARM

Featherstone Farm is a 250-acre certified organic fruit and vegetable farm in southeast Minnesota's bluff country. Founded in 1994, the farm now grows around 70 varieties of produce for summer and winter CSA shares. Featherstone Farm reaches La-Crosse, Winona, Rochester, and the Twin Cities through its CSA as well as direct sales to grocery stores and cooperatives.

## FARMING PRACTICES

According to the farm's mission statement, "Featherstone Farm is dedicated to building soil, protecting resources, creating renewable energy and to enhancing the rural environment in which it operates." Featherstone Farm grows annual fruits and vegetables throughout the year. They are able to extend their growing season by using hoop houses and on-site storage facilities.

Featherstone employs over 50 people seasonally – 14 year round – and works to be a model agricultural employer on all issues from legal compliance and fair treatment of immigrant labor, to living wages and transparent work terms for all employees.

## HOW WE HELPED

Jack and Jenni approached Iroquois Valley to provide mortgage refinancing on a 119-acre parcel, which constitutes an integral part of Featherstone Farm's operations. Iroquois Valley's mortgage refinance enables Jack and Jenni to maintain ownership of this land. Featherstone Farm is Iroquois Valley's first investment in a fruit & vegetable farm.

