SALVATIERRA FARM

Rice County, MN

SIZE

75 acres of transitional farmland

FARMERS

Reginaldo & Amy Haslett-Marroquin



FARM VISION

To scale regenerative poultry production in the region as an independent practitioner as well as through partnership, and research.

ABOUT THE FARM

Regi & Amy Haslett-Marroquin established Salvatierra Farm to raise poultry in an agroforestry-based regenerative system informed by Regi's indigenous and ancestral knowledge. Regi developed this system and has helped countless farmers establish it across the country and internationally – Salvatierra Farm will allow Regi & Amy to have a home farm to practice the system at scale. The diversified operation supports reforestation, soil regeneration, efficient carbon sequestration, and water purification. The farm includes habitat restoration, crops, medicinal plants, cut flowers, and poultry.

FARMING PRACTICES

Regi developed this poultry-centered system with versatility and evolution in mind. The system can be implemented anywhere because it is composed of a few essential elements: native perennials, annual crops, and poultry. Native perennials support the given region's ecosystems, while annuals support crop diversity and market flexibility. Poultry allows the farm to cash flow even in the first season. Adapted to Minnesota, the native perennials include red & white oaks, honeylocusts, and basswoods alternating to form an overstory while hazelnuts & elderberries form an understory that the poultry move through.

HOW WE HELPED

Iroquois Valley partnered with Reginaldo (Regi) and Amy Haslett-Marroquin to finance the purchase of the property. Once the farm's poultry infrastructure is in place, the farm will join a growing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)-led regional regenerative farming enterprises network known as <u>Regeneration Farms</u> and marketed as Tree-Range Chicken.

