

## New Town Farms

Sammy grew up in Charlotte and graduated from the College Of Architecture UNCC Charlotte. While in architecture school he did a semester-long project studying and designing a farmers' market.

In 1990 he and wife Melinda started New Town Farms. In 1991 he started a Community Supported Agriculture program and helped found the Matthews Community Farmers Market. In 1999 Sammy and manager Pauline Wood established the market as a non-profit corporation and crafted the bylaws to solidify and preserve its purpose to support local agriculture and to strengthen the community of Matthews. Sammy served on the board of Carolina Farm Stewardship Association for 6 years, and served CFSA as an IOIA certified inspector for their certified Organic program until 2003, inspecting farms in North and South Carolina.

In 2006 New Town Farms began its hospitality branch, The Inn At New Town Farms, with their first on-farm dinner as a fundraiser for CFSA and as a vehicle to showcase and educate on the benefits of local sustainable agriculture. Sammy and Melinda and their 8 children continue to operate New Town Farms, The Inn at New Town Farms, and sell their products at The Matthews Community Farmers Market.

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