



local PARTNER profile



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**You build a more resilient food system
when you have two crops together:**

DUCKS & RICE

Lopes Family Farms was started by a father and son duo exploring new rice farming methods to adapt to a changing climate. They adopted an integrated method in 2022 known as “Rice and Duck Farming” which uses two-thirds less of the water normally required to grow organic rice. It’s a modern farming system with ancient roots, where ducklings are raised in the rice fields to do the weeding, fertilizing, and pest control, instead of pesticides and the usual deep-water method for weed control. Practiced in China for hundreds of years and perfected in Japan in the 1980s by Takao Furuno, this process minimizes labor and pesticide costs and improves soil health.



COMPANY *snapshot*

- ✓ Certified Organic
- ✓ Small Business Owner
- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Small-Sized Farm
- ✓ Available for Farm Tours
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools

LFF has always envisioned growing quality, sustainable, locally-grown rice. To stay true to duck n' rice organic methods, they use rice tray makers, rice transplanters, and most importantly...ducks. The ducks and rice have a symbiotic relationship where the ducks eat the weeds and bugs, and provide nitrogen and organic matter for the rice and soil. In turn, the rice provides shelter and food for the ducks, so everybody wins!



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