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**GROWING A NEW GENERATION
OF ILLINOIS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FARMERS**

MY EXPERIENCES AS A NEW FARMER

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U. of I. Extension's 'New Farmer' program puts down roots



Photo by
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Weeding by example

Chef Ann Swanson pulls weeds on the half-acre "incubator" plot she is working for her employer, Hendrick House, which serves about 2,000 meals daily. The plot, located near the Student Sustainability Farm, was offered to students enrolled in U. of I. Extension's "Preparing a New Generation of Illinois Fruit and Vegetable Farmers" program. ([See related story below.](#))

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