Being a farmer means being connected to the seasons. Spring is usually busy, but Summer is the busiest time of the year. Things start to slow down in the Fall, but there’s a rush to finish up all the work before Winter. I have been farming at UAC for almost six years now, and I really enjoy working in the garden. It gives me some peace of mind and time for myself. During the winter, there’s not much work to do, so sometimes, I find myself wishing I was back out in the garden.

In reality, I do enjoy my time off because I enjoy spending quality time with my children. I’m excited about the new season because we will have another garden to work with and that means more vegetables to share in 2021.

In future years to come, I hope the community will stop by the gardens to see what we produce and to see the how the gardens are progressing. In past seasons, we have grown thousands of pounds of produce, and in 2021 we hope to grow more vegetables and fruits to share with the surrounding community, especially my favorites, sweet potatoes and regular potatoes.

I love working in the gardens because I know that the work we do feeds people in the community, so it makes me, and I’m sure the Cultivate team, feel extremely good about the work we do and accomplish. With that being said, I hope we have a tremendous year for 2021 and all the upcoming years.