



THE MONTH OF MAY IS “BLACK FARMERS CO-OP MONTH”

About the Black Farmers Co-Op (BFC): The Black Farmers Co-Op is a collective of growers, organizers, and advocates dedicated to advancing Black land ownership, agricultural education, and cooperative economics. Through shared resources, advocacy, and community-driven initiatives, BFC works to build a more just and sustainable food system.

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From SOIL to SOUL – Honoring our Ancestors Feeding Our Future - Black Farmers Co-Op “BFC” Celebrates its 4th Anniversary with Community Gathering in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA — May 30, 2026 — The Black Farmers Co-Op (BFC) proudly announces its 4th Anniversary Celebration, taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026, 11am – 4pm at the Environmental Center, located at 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway in Philadelphia, PA 19143.

This milestone event marks 4 years of collective work dedicated to advancing food sovereignty, land stewardship, and economic empowerment within Southwest Philadelphia farming communities. Since its founding, the BFC has remained committed to uplifting Black farmers as well as those who are interested in farming. BFC programs include strengthening cooperative economics, and reconnecting communities to land, legacy, and sustainable agricultural practices.

From *Soil to Soul* anniversary celebration will bring together farmers, community leaders, partners, stakeholders and supporters for a day of reflection, fellowship, and forward visioning. Attendees can expect:

- Remarks from cooperative leadership and community voices
- Recognition of partner organizations and farmer achievements
- Networking opportunities and community engagement
- Food, music, and vending cultural expression honoring Black agricultural traditions

Soil to Soul is not just a celebration of time—it is a testament to resilience, collaboration, and the power of collective action,” said Darien Pastor Thomas, BFC President. “We gather not only to honor where we’ve been, but to affirm where we are going.”

The event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend in support of Black Farmers and the ongoing movement toward equitable and sustainable food systems.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Environmental Center, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19143