



TERRA MADRE<sup>o</sup>  
G A R D E N S



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**Farm Location: Escondido**

**Farm Size: 19 acres**

**Main crop: Seasonal Vegetables**

## MY FARM STORY

Meet Jessica Sanchez of Terra Madre Gardens! Jessica was born in Mexico City, migrated to the states at the age of 6 years old and grew up in nearby San Marcos. Jessica met Barry Logan, the original farm administrator through a “Schools for Chapas” group which was working to help provide schools down in Chapas, Mexico.

In 2002, Jessica attended a farm fundraiser on Barry’s farm where she planted her first corn, and experienced touching Earth in a new way. Following that fundraiser, Jessica volunteered on the farm for about a year before soon living on the farm and serving as an apprentice under Barry. Years later, the farm lease was picked up by Stone Brewing Company, and renamed “Stone Farms” where both Jessica and her partner David worked as Farm Managers. Five years later, Stone Brewing left the property for their Farm Managers to receive the lease and create the Terra Madre Gardens.



On the farm, Jessica and David work on agriculture, activism and having food as a viable option for communities, specifically of color. Their connection with their land goes far beyond just food production, Jessica explains “We’ve taken on a spiritual connotation as well, where we recognize the land for its healing properties for just being the land. Without taking in account of the production of food. Just the energetics of connecting with Mother Earth in that way and giving back to it, instead of just taking from it.” Jessica and David farm organically, and use regenerative practices to ensure their land is properly nourished.



Terra Madre Gardens has yearlong root crops like onions, beets, carrots, radishes and turnips. In the summer you can find tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, watermelon and corn. Finally, during the winter the land produces brassicas like broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, chard, collards and Brussel sprouts. In addition, Jessica believes that Terra Madre Gardens nurtures more than just food, “We grow food, we grow farmers and we grow communities”. The Terra Madre community, and those who shop at their farm stand realize that it’s not too-fetched of an idea to become a farmer, to support your local farmer and shop at the farm instead of a grocery store. Living in California, Jessica believes that it’s our responsibility to reinstate what the American Dream is, and offer solutions, ideas, and examples to better our world.

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