

# Pacific Roots

Culinary Fields | MVP Presentation









# We are Culinary Fields



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# **Problem Context**



# Lack of Asian Farmers

Less than 1% of US farming population are Asian



# Challenge to find authentic produce

Local Asian farmers cannot find the right customers & vice versa





# **Problem Statement**

How might we help college student home cooks in Seattle discover Asian produce grown in Puget Sound to support local Asian farmers and better connect with culture through food?







## **Literature Review**

About <1% Asian American Farming Population (2017)</li>

## **User Research**

- Word of mouth & Social Media
- Time consuming process

## **Competitive Analysis**

- Delivery & Pick Up locations
- Restaurants, Farms Finder Map





# Yangyang

## **About**

22 years old2nd Gen Chinese-American3rd Year at University of Washington

## Goal

Avoid wasting time searching for where to find fresh, local ingredients

## **Pain Point**

Don't have time to visit multiple Asian markets just to check if they have all the ingredients



# Sara

## **About**

30 years old 2nd Gen Chinese-American Farm Manager

## Goal

Gauge interest for their specialty produce and increase visibility to market them

## **Pain Point**

Marketing efforts cut into their time for prioritizing farming operations

# Solution Approach & Key Features





# Home Page

Spotlight Carousel of Farmers and Recipes

Recommendations of In Season Produces

Nearby farmers markets to get the produces

Recipe recommendations

#### Latest Stories from the Field



#### Produce











You are more than likely to find these in season produce at your local farmers market in Puget Sound below.

#### University District Farmer's Market

Website

9 5031 University Wy NE, Seattle, WA 98105

#### West Seattle Farmer's Market

⊕ Website

Onr SW Alaska St & California Ave SW. Seattle, WA 98116

#### Ballard Farmer's Market

⊕ Website

9 5345 Ballard Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107

#### Capitol Hill Farmer's Market

⊕ Website

☑ E Barbara Bailey Way, Seattle, WA 98112

#### Recipes











# Farmer Spotlight



← Home

#### Story of Tian Tian Farm: Farming for the Asian Community

By lade Yamazaki Stewart Seattle Times staff reporter Aug. 12, 2021 at 6:00 am



Tian Tian Farm



In the heart of Seattle's vibrant urban landscape, a humble Asian farmer tends to rows of vibrant green vegetables, their hands nurturing tender shoots and hearty crops that will soon find their way onto the tables of eager customers. In an illuminating article, we explore the journey of this dedicated farmer as they cultivate a thriving business rooted in tradition and community.

From the fertile soils of their urban farm to the bustling farmers' markets scattered throughout the city, this farmer's story is one of passion, perseverance, and connection. With a deep respect for the land and a commitment to sustainable farming practices, they work tirelessly to grow an array of fresh, nutrient-rich vegetables that reflect their cultural heritage.

As the seasons unfold, so too does the bounty of the farmer's labor, with each harvest bringing a new abundance of produce bursting with flavor and vitality. From crisp, leafy greens to plump, juicy tomatoes and fragrant herbs, their offerings are a testament to the rich diversity of Asian cuisine and the farmers' unwavering dedication to quality.



Go to socials & view more about how to support them

Blog post to hear about their story and connect with farmers





# **Recommended Farms**



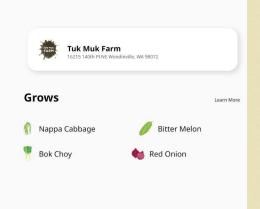


Recommended farms with brief info cards listed for users to freely explore

Detailed Farm profile bio

#### **Tuk Muk Farm**









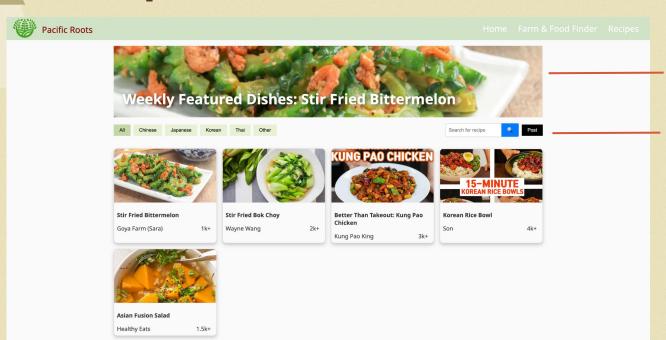


Sign Up for their CSA





# Recipe Hub



Weekly Featured Dishes

Search and filter for your desired recipe



# **Demo**







# **User Testing & Concept Validation**

**30+ Survey Responses** 

**10 Usability Testings** 



#### **Key Insights:**

- People like the idea of providing a checklist of ingredients for each of the recipe.
- People like how our solution serves as a comprehensive resource hub.
- Intuitive interaction logic.
  - Challenging locating specific farmer's event.





#### **Tasks Evaluated:**

- Local Farmer Discovery: Users searched for information about local farmers and their produce availability.
- **Recipe and Produce Sourcing:** Users selected a recipe and identified sources for the necessary ingredients.
- **Event Discovery:** Users found information on local farmers attending nearby markets on Saturdays.









What were our values?

Any ethical concerns?

How do we address these?





# What's Ahead

## **Going Open Source**

## **Proposed Features**

- 1. Search Engine Optimization
- 2. Onboarding
- 3. Farm Map View



# Thank you!









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