

# Fungi farm seeking 'shroom hunters

Emma June Grosskopf Review Staff Jul 21, 2021 Updated Jul 22, 2021 0 Hampshire Review



Peasant's Parcel mushroom farm, in its 2nd year of operation, was awarded a Farmer Grant from Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education based on their interest in Chicken of the Woods mushrooms. Their proposal, "Trialing Cultivating Chicken of the Woods Using Standard Mushroom Farm Technology While Confirming PCR Primer Sequence Traits in Fruiting Bodies," is a mouthful, but the result is simple:

The farm's next step of 'shroom research is leading them to seek help from the community in finding fresh samples of wild harvested Chicken of the Woods. No mushroom expertise needed - even the most novice of mushroom hunters is welcome to assist Peasant's Parcel with their research. Samples will contribute to larger scientific knowledge, and the first 30 foragers to provide these viable samples will be compensated \$10 for their time.

The farm is "off-grid," she said, and runs on solar power. To add to Briggs' goal of sustainability, mushrooms are also grown in biodegradable materials with compostable packaging. She pointed out that it all fits with the farm's motto: "Sustainable products from the mountains."

**Please help us collect Samples of Chicken of the Woods!**

**[www.PeasantsParcel.com/COTW](http://www.PeasantsParcel.com/COTW)**

This material is based upon work supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program under subaward FNE21-970.

