

Saw Clay

Saw Clay and his family come from one of the largest countries in Southeast Asia, and now lives in Minnesota. He is learning to farm organically to grow his own food for family and market. He had spent years living in the Thailand refugee camps after moving away from his homeland, Burma. In 2007, Saw Clay and his family came to the United States and became residents of Minnesota. In 2013, he and his wife joined the Big River Farms Program of the Minnesota Food Association (MFA) after they were introduced to the organization by See Nay, a third year farmer who is one of the Karen participants in the farming program. They are one of the organization's first year farmers who acquired a quarter acre of land to farm as part of the program.

Farming with MFA has and his family to be gave them the learn how to farm in a are alien to the weather. He says, Minnesota is different weather. Where I warmer and the longer.”

In addition, Saw Clay is that is culturally which he can also sell other Karen and field, he has planted different types of Thai red pepper, and more; the list goes on. Saw Clay in what he have a successful year. at MFA, Saw Clay has

things that range from how to use different types of tools for organic farming, to handling the produce and health safety. Saw Clay has learned from MFA through training classes, in-field sessions, MFA's staff, other farmers in the program, and practical farming. With helpful training courses and assistance from MFA staff, Saw Clay aims to increase his marketing approaches, provide fresh food for his community, and make an impact to the communities.



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able to grow food familiar to him, and share with relatives. In his two to three eggplant, radishes, tomatoes, and MFA has assisted needs in order to Being his first year learned many