

Robert Todd, son of a Kansas carpenter, never thought he would end up in agriculture. He first entered the field by agreeing to help his friend Phil with deliveries at a local CSA farm in Philadelphia.

“My father was a carpenter so I learned to enjoy working with my hands,” Robert said. “I found satisfaction in growing crops and experiencing the farm to table process”.

The two friends eventually went their separate ways to start their own operations. Robert was able to find a farm in Kennett Square and began his operation called Down to Earth Harvest.

Robert is accompanied on the farm by his wife Amy, who manages their CSA program and handles the “business” side of the farm.

Down to Earth Harvest is currently in its sixth year of operation. Robert and Amy are planning to move from their current Kennett Square location to a new six acre farm in Downingtown. Robert believes that the move will bring his family closer to the community, as the new location is around the corner from a nearby neighborhood.

“Our primary focus is on our customers,” said Robert. “We wanted to ensure our customers receive farm fresh produce either through our CSA or at local farm markets.”

In the future, Robert hopes to add a few more perennial crops to their harvest while still remaining a relatively small farm so they can continue to focus on their customers.

“Instead of getting bigger, we want to get better and work with what is available to us,” Robert said. “We hope to stay small and make the most of our farm.”