

## **Community Food Project Grantees in Alabama**

Three CFP grants have been awarded to organizations in Alabama between 1996 and 2006, totaling \$350,000. Two of these projects are described below.

### **Alabama Rural Heritage Foundation**

**Grant awarded: \$125,000 in 2001 for a 3-year period.**

With their 2001 CFP grant, the Alabama Rural Heritage Foundation is increasing food security in the small, rural, predominantly African American community of Thomaston, which has long lacked access to fresh produce. The project established a community garden, a community greenhouse, and residential gardens, which have greatly increased the availability of nutritious foods and alleviated food insecurity in the area. Some of the produce grown in the Foundation's market garden, along with local jellies processed in their commercial kitchen, are now sold at a vibrant local farmers' market.

### **Jones Valley Urban Farm**

**Grant awarded: \$145,000 in 2006 for a 2-year period.**

Through their CFP-funded Growing Urban Food Connections program, Jones Valley Farms is working to convert an entire city block of downtown Birmingham into a model urban farm, which will serve as a center of education on agriculture, nutrition and food security. In collaboration with the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the project will offer an experiential education course on sustainable agriculture for 80 students per semester. The garden will also host half-day "Seed 2 Plate" experiential field trips for 100 elementary and secondary students from Birmingham City Schools each month.