

# Spring AGRICULTURE



*Get involved* — HOPE Garden, located at Memorial Hospital Lodge, 2590 S. Newton St., Jasper, provides an opportunity for area citizens to volunteer their time in the battle against food insecurity. Soon the garden will commence its third season of planting, weeding, harvesting, washing, prepping, packaging and delivering nutritional, all-natural produce to area food banks and organizations.



*Incredible reach* — The healthy roots of these plants can extend as long as the aeroponic towers that house them — and even longer. Periodically, unruly plant roots must be snipped to keep them from knotting and clogging the water system. The delicate, nearly translucent, wax-colored roots at HOPE Garden fill the airy insides of the aeroponic towers, thick and healthy as horse tails. Here, Jones encourages a young plant from its pod, hoping to show off its roots.

