The Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series is a joint project sponsored by the Franklin County Office of Ohio State University Extension, and the Columbus Urban Farmers Network. The goal of the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series tours is to demonstrate to the general public the many benefits of urban farms in Columbus.

There is no fee or advance registration required to participate in these tours which are open to the public. Farm tours will be held rain or shine and participants should dress accordingly.

For more information about the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series, contact Mike Hogan at OSU Extension at 614.866.6900 or hogan.1@osu.edu.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. OSU Extension conducts applied research and educational programs in agriculture and natural resources; community development; 4-H youth development; and family and consumer sciences. For more information about OSU Extension programs in Franklin County, go to: franklin.osu.edu.

The Columbus Urban Farmers Network is an alliance of urban farms and food producers in Columbus. The goal of the network is to strengthen and expand the local food system by producing food in urban areas of Columbus.

Converting Vacant Land Farm Tour
Saturday, July 22 • 2-4 p.m.
Wheatland Farm
Sarah Lenkay
116 N. Wheatland Ave., Columbus, OH 43223
(614) 317-9476, urbanfarms@midohiofoodbank.org
www.urbanfarmsofcentralohio.org

Urban Farms of Central Ohio, an initiative of Mid-Ohio Foodbank, transforms vacant and underutilized sites in underserved neighborhoods into productive, sustainable urban farms that provide low-income, food-insecure residents increased access to fresh, local produce. Tour Wheatland Farm, the second farm site, which is currently being transformed into a thriving farm. The farm operates on one acre of land at a former hospital site that has been repurposed to grow food through a large-scale raised bed growing system and uses a greenhouse for seed starting. The farm sells a portion of its crops to local restaurants and through a veggie box program. In turn, this supports the pay-what-you-can farm stand that provides low-income families with fresh produce.

Registration: Pre-registration is encouraged. To register, email urbanfarms@midohiofoodbank.org.

Directions: From 1-70, take the Rte. 40/Broad St. exit and drive west. From Broad St., turn right on N. Wheatland Ave. The farm will be on the right, directly after the health center parking lot. Please park on the street along Wheatland Ave. and access the farm through the north end of the health center parking lot.
Commercial Market Garden Tour

Saturday, July 29 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Heirloom Produce
Joe Cameron Harris
7700 Richardson Rd., Groveport, OH 43125
(614) 746-0885, urbanfarmerjoel@gmail.com

Heirloom Produce is a large market garden consisting of 16,000 square feet of production space on a two acre residential lot. Root crops and leafy greens are marketed to restaurants and at several local farmers’ markets. A hoophouse is used to start seeds, chickens are raised to build soil, and beehives are being added this summer. Learn how a vegetable market garden utilizes regenerative agriculture in order to be sustainable.

Directions: From Columbus, take I-70 E to exit 105A and travel Rte. 33 E towards Lancaster. Take the exit for Rte. 317/Hamilton Rd. and turn right on Hamilton Rd. Travel 1 mile and turn left to continue on Hamilton Rd. Hamilton Rd. turns into College St. and takes you into downtown Groveport. In Groveport, turn left on Main St., and then turn right on Richardson Rd. Travel 2 miles and the farm is on the left.

Residential Permaculture Food Garden Tour

Saturday, August 5 • 2-4 p.m.

Sunny Glen Wellness
Dianne Kadonga
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(404) 603-6284, diannekadonaga@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/sunnyglenwellness

See how a low-cost, low-input food garden in the backyard of a residence can easily be adapted to provide food for food-insecure families. Participants will also see a native plant and pollinator garden, a vegetable and herb permaculture garden that utilizes lasagna layering and pine needle mulch, and a small in-home seedling operation and homemade cold frame to transition plants outside. Sunny Glen Wellness is a certified wildlife habitat and a City of Columbus Green Spot Business.

Directions: From Rte. 315 N in Columbus, exit at N. Broadway St./Olentangy River Rd. Keep left to take N. Broadway St. Travel 2 miles and turn left on Maize Rd. Drive 0.5 miles and turn right on Lenore Ave. Take the first left on Sunny Glen Pl. and Sunny Glen Wellness will be on the left.

Productive Residential Urban Farm Tour

Sunday, August 20 • 2-4 p.m.

Over The Fence Urban Farm
Jodi Kushins
143 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 499-6176

Over the Fence Urban Farm is dedicated to experimenting with, mastering, and sharing techniques for growing food that promote self-reliance and sustainability, and support the consumption of more fresh, locally harvested, delicious food. Toward these ends, the farm serves as a demonstration site for season extension practices, vertical gardening, and permaculture design. The farm is funded through a community supported agriculture (CSA) program, and family, friends, and neighbors help tend the land.

Directions: From Rte. 315 in Columbus, exit at Henderson Rd., and travel east toward Clintonville. Drive 0.5 miles and turn left on N. High St. Take the second right turn onto E. Dominion Blvd. The farm is on the right.
The Ohio Master Urban Farmer program was developed by OSU Extension in Franklin County in 2014 and has graduated 196 Master Urban Farmers in four different classes. The program is a 12 week course designed to give participants the knowledge and skills needed to produce and market food in an urban environment. The program is now being offered in other cities in Ohio.

The next Master Urban Farmer course in Columbus will begin in September. Registration information will be available in early July. To receive registration information, send an email to: hogan.1@osu.edu.

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Suburban Farmstead and Micro Dairy Tour

Saturday, September 2 • 2-4 p.m.
Jedidiah Farm and Studio
Sarah Taylor
5058 Smothers Rd., Westerville, OH 43081
(614) 625-3461, sarah@jedidiahfarm.com
www.jedidiahfarm.com

Jedidiah Farm and Studio is a five acre working farmstead in the suburbs of Westerville, where the Taylor family utilizes ecologically inclusive principles to encourage biodiversity and resilient food production. Visitors can expect to see a space that is in transition from the typical suburban lawnscape to perennial food forests, guilds, woodlands, and pasture, incorporating annual and perennial crops within rotational grazing principles. The use of dairy goats, honeybees, pastured poultry, and heritage hogs for pasture rehabilitation will be discussed during the tour, as well as the importance of incorporating guilds and native plantings to create self-supporting systems.

Directions: From I-270 N, take Sunbury Rd. Turn east on Smothers Rd. The farm is on the left nearly 2 miles east of the bridge. Park on the east side of the driveway, leaving space to turn around by the house.