2015 COLUMBUS URBAN FARM TOUR SERIES

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Ohio State University Extension – Franklin County
The Columbus Agrarian Society
Columbus Urban Farmers Network
The Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series is a joint project sponsored by the Franklin County Office of Ohio State University Extension, The Columbus Agrarian Society, 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.

The goal of The Columbus Agrarian Society is to provide the supplies, support, and education to advance and expand food plots in Central Ohio. For more information about The Columbus Agrarian Society, go to: www.columbus agrariansociety.com.
Urban Fruit and Vegetable Production and Marketing Tour

Saturday, July 25 • 2 – 4 p.m.

**Franklinton Gardens**

Nick Stanich  
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www.franklintongardens.org

Franklinton Gardens is a nonprofit urban farm in the Franklinton community of Columbus. Franklinton Gardens maintains a mosaic of urban food production gardens that total just over 1.5 acres, including multiple market gardens, a perennial fruit and nut nursery, a bramble garden, a community garden, and a neighborhood produce stand. Franklinton Garden’s goal is to demonstrate that urban agriculture can be a cornerstone of a healthy urban food system by showcasing high output gardens and inspiring others to garden to strengthen household food security and the local food economy. This tour will focus on seven gardens that contribute the bulk of Franklinton Gardens’ annual fruit and vegetable production. Guests will see four high tunnels, a seedling start house, a produce rinse and refrigeration area, drip irrigation, and an assortment of cold frames.

**Directions:** From Rte. 315 S, take the Rich/Town St. exit and continue south to the Rich St. intersection. Turn right on Rich St. From Rte. 315 N, take the Rich/Town St. exit and continue north to the Town St. intersection. Turn left on Town St. Continue to Martin Ave. Turn left on Martin Ave. Park near Martin Ave. and Rich St. and walk west to 909 W. Rich St.
Urban Farming in Small Spaces Tour

Sunday, August 9 • 2 – 4 p.m.

Swainway Urban Farm
Joseph Swain
285 Canyon Dr., Columbus, OH 43214
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www.swainway.com

Swainway Urban Farm began as a backyard garden in 2007 and now includes three growing sites producing certified organic mushrooms, microgreens, seedlings, and specialty vegetables for sale at farmers’ markets and restaurants. This tour will feature the original farm of permanent raised beds used for intensive market gardening. Join Joseph Swain to discuss the challenges and rewards of expanding and refining an urban farm. Visitors will see the farm’s extensive composting systems, hoop houses used for season extension and hardening off seedlings, personal perennial gardens, and egg-laying chickens.

Directions: From I-71, take the Cooke Rd. exit. Travel west to Indianola Ave. and turn left. Continue south to Glenmont Rd. and turn right. Follow Glenmont Rd. to Sharon Rd. and turn right. Turn left on Canyon Dr. Park on the street, being respectful of neighbors’ yards. Carpooling is encouraged.
Aquaponic Fish Production Tour

Friday, August 14 • 12 – 2 p.m.

St. Stephens Community House

Henry Pettigrew
1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43219
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Project AquaStar is a multifaceted aquaponics, waste reduction, and composting business enterprise operated by St. Stephens Community House in the Linden Neighborhood of Columbus. The site includes an aquaponics system utilizing six 1,200 gallon tanks. Aquaponics is a synergistic production technique in which fish and plants are grown together in the same system. The fish waste feeds the growing plants and the plants in turn clean and filter the water that returns to the fish environment. Tilapia fish are produced in this system in an effort to help address food insecurity in the Linden community.

Directions: From I-71, take the 17th St. exit and go east toward Cleveland Ave. Cross Cleveland Ave. and after about 2,000 feet, St. Stephens Community House will be on the left. Turn right into the parking area. Project Aquastar is directly ahead.
Large-Scale Urban Farm Tour

Monday, August 24 • 5 – 7 p.m.

Clarfield Farm
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www.midohiofoodbank.org/programs-services/our-programs/UFCO

Urban Farms of Central Ohio, an initiative of the 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. One site has been fully transformed, the Clarfield Farm, and a second site will begin in 2015, the Wheatland Farm. Each farm works to sustain itself and raise awareness about hunger by selling a portion of crops directly to local restaurants in addition to feeding the neighborhood around the farm. The Clarfield Farm operates on three acres of vacant elementary school property in the Marion-Franklin neighborhood. Each week, neighbors visit the farm stand to fill up on fresh, wholesome produce. With three high-tunnel structures at the farm, produce and opportunities for engagement are available year-round.

Directions: From I-71, take the Frank Rd./Rte. 104 exit and head east. Exit Frank Rd./Rte. 104 at Groveport Rd. Turn right and drive south. The farm will be about 1.5 miles from the exit and will be on the left, with parking in the rear of the school building.
The Ohio Master Urban Farmer program was developed by OSU Extension in Franklin County in 2014 and has graduated 109 Master Urban Farmers in two different classes. The program is a 9 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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We appreciate their input and participation in our programming efforts.

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