Sacramento Region Urban Farming Resource Guide
A list to get you started on your urban farming endeavors!
University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

University of California Cooperative Extension
http://cecapitolcorridor.ucanr.edu/
(530) 666-8143
UC Agriculture and Natural Resources delivers healthy food systems, healthy environments, healthy communities and healthy Californians. UC ANR hosts the California Master Gardener Program: http://mg.ucanr.edu/ which has been extending UC research based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public.

UC ANR Urban Ag
http://ucanr.edu/urbanag
Are you interested in starting an urban farm? Seeking details on how to raise backyard chickens and bees? Looking for information on laws, zoning and regulations that relate to urban agriculture? We offer resources on small-scale production, including soil, planting, irrigation, pest management, and harvesting, as well as information on the business of farming, such as how to market urban farm products.

Growing Roots
https://growingroots.berkeley.edu/
growingroots@berkeley.edu
The long-term goal of the government-supported Growing Roots project is to support the economic and ecological viability of California beginning farmers and ranchers from diverse communities – whether urban, rural or peri-urban, or Latino, Southeast Asian, African or Caucasian. Offers in-depth, culturally- and regionally-appropriate workshops, develop and distribute educational materials and videos, host field days and farm tours.

UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP)
http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep
(530) 752-3915
Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI)
University of California at Davis
asi@ucdavis.edu
SAREP is a statewide program within UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and is a unit of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis. SAREP provides leadership and support for scientific research and education in agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities. SAREP serves farmers, farmworkers, ranchers, researchers, educators, regulators, policy makers, industry professionals, consumers, and community organizations across the state.

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)
The David Brower Center
Berkeley, CA
http://www.sagecenter.org
(510) 526-1793
info@sagecenter.org
Through our two linked programs – Urban-Edge Agricultural Revitalization and Urban-Rural Connections – SAGE works to revitalize agricultural places that sustain, contain and define cities and to connect urban and rural communities for their mutual benefit.
As a lean, entrepreneurial nonprofit organization, we use a collaborative approach to develop pioneering projects and provide technical services in the Bay Area and beyond. Our partners and clients include public agencies, land trusts, farmers and agricultural associations, planning and economic consultancy firms, public-interest organizations, educators, health experts, and urban and rural community groups.

GOVERNMENT GROUPS & AGENCIES

For permitting of Approved Source Farms, Farmer’s Markets Certification and Pesticide Regulation and Enforcement:
Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures
AGCOMM@saccounty.net
The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture / Weights and Measures promotes the Sacramento County agricultural industry, protects the environment and the general public, and provides buyers and sellers a fair marketplace. We are the local enforcement authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

For information about zoning and permitting for urban farm stands (also see urban agriculture ordinance)
Sacramento County Planning Department
Sacplan@saccounty.net

Sacramento County Urban Agriculture Ordinance
www.per.saccounty.net/LandUseRegulationDocuments/Pages/Urban-Agriculture-Ordinance.aspx

For questions on Food Safety:
Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
EMDInfo@saccounty.net

Yolo County Agricultural Farmbudsman (Stephanie Cormier)
(530) 406-4800

Yolo County Planning Division: 530-666-8775
Yolo County Environmental Health Division  
Environmental.health@yolocounty.org  
City of Sacramento Urban Agriculture  
www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Long-Range/Urban-Agriculture  
Sacramento Region Resource Conservation Districts  
www.yolorcd.org/ (Yolo County)  
530.661.1688  
www.solanorcd.org/ (Solano Co.)  
707-678-1655 x 101  
RCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) collaborate to provide technical and educational services for natural resource conservation and agriculture enhancement.

**ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture Program**  
NCAT's Western Office - Davis, CA  
https://attra.ncat.org  
(530) 792-7338  
(800) 411-3222  
ATTRA is a program developed and managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). We are committed to providing high value information and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States, especially those who are economically disadvantaged or belong to traditionally underserved communities. NCAT strives to make our information available to everyone who needs it. If you are a limited- or low-income farmer and find that one of our publications is just not in your budget, please call 800-346-9140.

**City of Sacramento Community Gardens**  
www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRecreation/Parks/Specialty-Parks/Community-Gardens  
The Department of Youth, Parks, & community enrichment operates several permanent community gardens. For more information call 916-808-4943

**Free Wood Chips from SMUD**  
We offer free wood chips to residential customers to spread as mulch around trees and shrubs, making soil more fertile, and helping trees keep growing during the summer heat. They are not available for commercial use. You can pick up the chips at the following locations. Be sure to bring your own tools to load the chips, and bags to carry them in, or a tarp to cover a pickup load.  
SMUD Yard: 6100 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento (Between 59th and 65th streets on Folsom Blvd.)  
1-916-732-5854  
Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM  
Elk Grove Water Service: 9700 Railroad Ave., Elk Grove  
1-916-685-3556  
Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 3:30 PM

**United States Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture**  
https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/urban-agriculture  
Explore information and tools on urban agriculture, including the Urban Agriculture Toolkit.

**POLICY & ADVOCACY GROUPS**

**Sacramento Food Policy Council**  
http://www.sacfoodpolicy.org/  
coordinator@sacfoodpolicy.org  
The Sacramento Food Policy Council aims to propel collective action toward an equitable and sustainable food system by building alignment, advancing policies, and convening advocates, policymakers, and organizations around a shared agenda.  
Environmental Vision: An equitable, ecologically sound food and farming system in Sacramento County.  
Organizational Vision: A community where all voices are engaged in and respected in the processes, programs, and policymaking that shapes the food system in Sacramento County.

**Slow Food Sacramento**  
http://slowfoodsacramento.com/  
Kelsey@slowfoodsacramento.com  
Slow Food Sacramento is one of more than 200 chapters of Slow Food USA. We are an active chapter that hosts a wide range of educational and convivial events throughout the year to introduce you to the producers and creators of some of the region’s outstanding foods, farms, and restaurants. You’ll meet the leaders who champion locally and sustainably produced vegetables, fruits, wines, meats, and cheeses. You’ll become part of a network to improve access to good, clean, and fair food for all in the Sacramento region.

**CropMobster Sacramento County**  
https://sacramento.croppmobster.com/  
Your community exchange for local food and ag. Using social media, instant email alerts and the power of community to share, we help spread the word quickly on a range of local food system topics as well as find opportunities for supporting hunger relievers, buying from local food producers and reducing food waste.

**Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC) (Oakland)**  
http://www.theselc.org  
(510) 398-6219  
SELC cultivates a new legal landscape that supports community resilience and grassroots economic empowerment. We provide essential legal tools so communities everywhere can develop their own sustainable sources of food, housing, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community. Check out extensive resources on Urban Ag Law here: http://www.urbanaglaw.org/

**Ecological Farming Association**  
https://eco-farm.org/  
(831) 763-2111  
info@eco-farm.org  
The Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm) is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to nurture safe, healthy, just, and ecologically sustainable farms, food systems, and communities by bringing people together for education, alliance
urban-farm list is from: https://sacramento.cropmobster.com/urban-agriculture-locations/

The Cannery Urban Farm
1550 Cannery Ave, Davis, 95616
Mon 9am - 5pm and Special Events
Phone: 5304265889
Email: liz@landbasedlearning.org

Jehfree Lovelace
1717 V Street, Sacramento, 95818
wednesday 4:00-8:00pm & saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
Phone: 9165338569
Jehfree.spirit@gmail.com
http://www.midtownfreedomfarm.com
Urban farmers growing hyper-local, nutrient dense vegetable, fruit & herbs for the people who live, work and visit Midtown, Sacramento. Join Sacramento’s farm to fork community with your weekly Micro-green subscription.

Del Paso Heights Community Garden
3407 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, 95838
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every 2nd & 4th Saturdays
916-905-6757
eppecorp3407@gmail.com
http://eppecorp.com
The Del Paso Heights Community Garden (DPHCG) has been a grower of fresh produce and native plant vegetation since the Spring of 2014. The garden offers leadership opportunities for youth, educational experiences for children and seniors, garden training and management experience, cooking demonstrations, and produce donations for underserved residents in need via our local food banks.

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services Demonstration Garden
3333 Third Ave, Sacramento 95817
Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
garden@sacramentofoodbank.org
http://www.sacramentofoodbank.org/health-nutrition/
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services’ Demonstration Garden is used to educate the community on where food comes from and how to successfully grow it. In addition to our raised garden beds, we also have a greenhouse, compost bins, a vermiculture bin, and a container garden. We host gardening classes for the community on garden design, planting, pest management, irrigation, soil care, and more. Our Demonstration Garden also includes an outdoor kitchen table where clients gather around to learn how to prepare the food they harvest from the garden.

The Natomas Farm
7100 Marysville Blvd, Rio Linda 95673
916-991-1144
produce@thenatomasfarm.com
https://www.thenatomasfarm.com/
A Sustainable Farm located a few miles from New Natomas. Growers of heirloom fruits and berries. Free range eggs. Best contact is via email. Offering boysenberries, pluots (four varieties), blood oranges, black mission figs, Rio Oso peaches, elephant heart plums, black mountain watermelon, orange-glo watermelons, vintage cantaloupe and much more. Complete list on our website. Free tours of the farm and animals. Fruit stand. Home deliveries.

Purdy Urban Farm
2763 63rd Street, Sacramento 95817
Please call for hours.
916-801-2388
Sfores81@gmail.com
We are a Sacramento-based Jesus-loving urban farming family. We operate on a trade/barter/donation system. Bring your excess produce on by, and be part of the neighborhood food revolution! Farm fresh eggs, herbs, edible flowers, in season produce, and occasionally something for your sweet tooth!

EarthFireFamily Farms
3641 Buena Vista Dr, Sacramento 95864
Please call for hours
916-709-9860
Earthfirefamilyfarms@yahoo.com
Katrina Schultz has been running a small farm and homestead in Arden Park for 20+ years. I began raising dairy goats as a 4-Her and never quit. Over the years I have learned how to healthfully raise livestock on small acreage, and take great pleasure at raising healthy happy animals. Foods commonly available are Eggs, Meat Chickens, Pork, and Seasonal Veggies. Also available for your poultry are whole sproutable chia seeds and hemp pellets in 50lb sacks.

Camilleri Growers And Showers
1590 Caramay Way, Sacramento 95816
Saturday and Sunday TBD
916-622-0462
mikecamillerl1@gmail.com
We are a couple who enjoys growing fruits and vegetables for our selves, families and communities on a small (but growing) scale. assorted citrus, tomatoes, various veggies,

Burbank Urban Garden (BUG) @ Luther Burbank High School
3500 Florin Rd, Sacramento 95823
Please call for hours
Todd-meperson@scusd.edu
We are a high school garden and Urban Agriculture Program at Luther Burbank High School.

Ethel I. Baker School Garden
5717 Laurine Way, Sacramento 95824
Please call for hours
916-395-4560
info@soilborn.org
http://ethelbaker.scusd.edu
We are a school garden program at Ethel I. Baker elementary school. We are in partnership with Soil Born Farms’ Growing Together School Garden Initiative, and we work with elementary students.

Oakridge Elementary School Garden
4501 Martin L. King, Sacramento 95820
Please call for hours
916-394-4665
info@soilborn.org
http://oakridge.scusd.edu/
We are a school garden operation in partnership with Soil Born Farms’ Growing Together School Garden Initiative. We work with elementary students and teachers.
Soil Born Farms
2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, 95670
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
916-363-9685
info@soilborn.org
http://www.soilborn.org
Our mission is to create an urban agriculture and education project that empowers youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment and grows a sustainable community. Organic farm and orchard, CSA box, Weekend farmstand, field trips, school garden curriculum, and urban fruit tree gleaning.

Do Good Acers Community Homestead
3617 3rd Ave, Sacramento, 95817
530-204-8082
randy.stannard@gmail.com
We are a homestead garden with three community action-oriented homesteaders. Scott Thompson leads Oak Park Soil (www.facebook.com/oakparksoil), Dominic Allamano leads Harvest Sacramento (also has perennial plant nursery in the backyard) and Randy Stannard lead Oak Park Sol (www.oakparksoil, or search our Facebook) and Randy Stannard lead Oak Park Sol (www.oakparksoil, or search our Facebook).

First Mother Farms
317 C St, West Sacramento 95605
Please email to schedule a visit.
916-800-2688
rubie@firstmotherfarms.com
http://www.firstmotherfarms.com
First Mother Farms aims to inspire plant-based wellness through the sustainable farming of herbs and native weeds. We grow drought tolerant herbs that require minimal water in order to manage our soils with low-till methods and reduce the need for irrigation. Motivated by the belief that planet-earth is our first mother and she has the capacity to provide for our physical needs. We develop products with your wellness in mind.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UC Master Gardener Program
http://mg.ucanr.edu/
UC Master Gardeners provide a training program with over 50 hours of classes, workshops, and consultation on gardening. Once trained, UC Master Gardeners volunteer, educating the public about gardening. Every county or region in California has its own Master Gardener program and they typically offer training every 1-2 years. Gardening skills are a great starting point for beginning farmers or those interested in growing food and plants for their own home use.

Green Tech Urban Garden and Aquaponics Farm
4309 38th St, Sacramento 95831
Tues & Sat, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
916-224-1042
greentechedu7@gmail.com
http://www.greentechedu.org
The Green Tech Teaching Urban Farming and Aquaponics (TUFA) program is located on a 11,761 sq ft property in the South Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento. Green Tech students learn how to grow a variety of vegetables inside our 1,000 sq ft greenhouse on four innovative aquaponics food growing systems. Students learn the biological science system of using nutrients from live fish to grow healthy vegetables and harvest process. Green Tech students also learn the process of growing food in the traditional soil-based process. In addition, students learn basic workforce ethics and skill building providing landscape and compost maintenance, and building planter boxes.

The Farmers Guild/CAFF
http://www.farmersguild.org
With a passion for feeding our local communities, we unite to share skills, knowledge and forge a collective voice for sustainable agriculture. Founded by farmers for farmers, we support healthy food production by collectively striving toward the economic viability of farms as well as the social networks to attract, cultivate and sustain a new generation ready to work the land.

Yisrael Family Urban Farm
4507 Roosevelt Ave, Sacramento 95820
Everyday except Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
888-487-9494
sales@yisraelfamilyfarm.net
http://www.yisraelfamilyfarm.net
The Yisrael Family Urban Farm is "transforming the hood for GOOD" using urban agriculture to engage, employ and empower communities. We do that by teaching people how to grow food, prepare/preserve food, and mentor youth through project GOOD which is an acronym for "Growing Our Own Destiny."