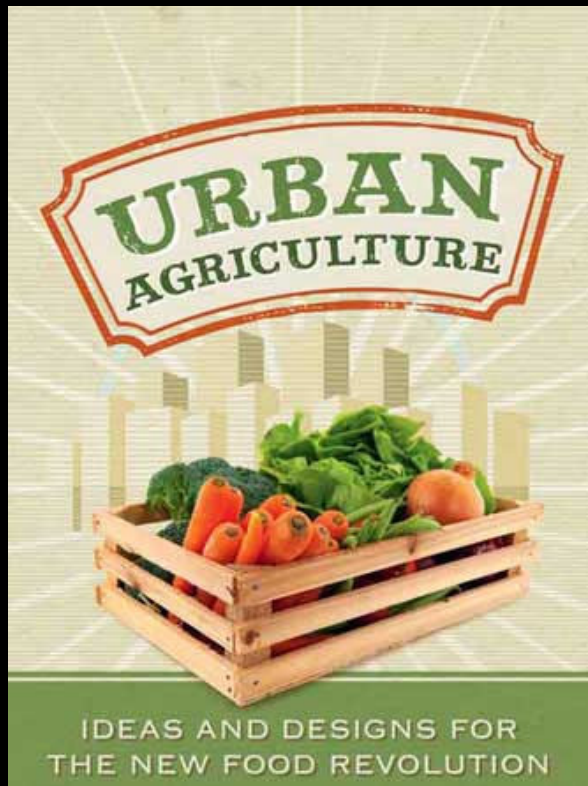


Urban Agriculture and Food System Planning



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What is Urban Agriculture?

the growing , processing, and distribution of food and other products through intensive plant cultivation and animal husbandry in and around cities



Rooftop garden of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco

Forms of Urban Agriculture

- Greenbelts around cities
- City's edge
- Community gardens
- Vacant inner-city lots
- Schoolyard greenhouses
- Rooftop gardens
- Window box gardens



Forms of Urban Agriculture

- Fish farms
- Farm animals
- Vegetable gardens
- Backyard orchards
- Restaurant-supported salad gardens
- Beehives



Food Realities

- 80% of population live in cities
- How to feed people who are far removed from actual food production?
- Food products travel 1,500 – 2,500 miles from farm to plate
- More food shipped from markets outside the country
- Fruits and vegetables – 7-14 days in transit (50% spoilage)
- Fruits and vegetables chosen for their ability to withstand extended travel & industrial harvesting than for taste and nutritional quality

Health Benefits

- Nutrition
- Personal wellness
- Exercise
- Mental Health
- Increased self-esteem, pride, confidence, personal satisfaction, and efficiency
- Build safe, healthy, green environments
- Increased social interaction



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Economic Impact

- Engagement of homeless
- Employment opportunities
- Development of small businesses
- Vital economic growth and job creation in the field of agriculture and agbiosciences



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Week of June 26, 2010
Food From the 'Hood



Photo/LA Beez

Antonio Villaraigosa joins youth and other individuals in a Food From the 'Hood garden cleanup last year at Crenshaw High.

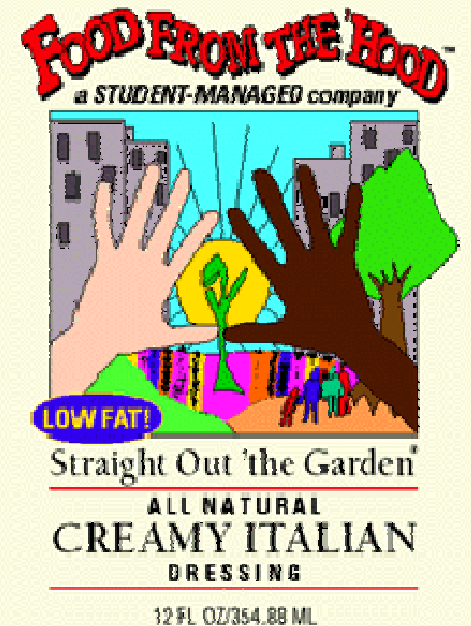
Description

After the 1992 riots in Los Angeles, students at Crenshaw High School wanted to do something to help rebuild the community. They planted a garden on a vacant lot behind the school, and they sold what they grew at the local farmers market. Then they developed a salad dressing, which sold out quickly.

Food From the 'Hood was off and running. Today there are several salad dressings sold all across the country. That little garden has now helped raise \$250,000 for a scholarship fund for graduating seniors at [Crenshaw High School](#).

Encore presentation from [August 29, 2009](#).

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In order to feed a population of 9 billion in 2050, the world will need a New Vision for Agriculture - delivering food security, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity through agriculture. This will require producing more food with fewer resources.

- A New Vision for Agriculture, a World Economic Forum Initiative