

General Resources

Much has been published in recent years on urban agriculture and related subjects. For a comprehensive overview of the literature on urban agriculture the reader is referred to the RUAF website: www.ruaf.org that contains a searchable bibliographic database, partially with full document or abstract. In each of the next chapters some key publications and websites are given related to the subject of that chapter, as selected by the author of the chapter and the editor. Below some publications are listed that cover various aspects of urban agriculture and urban food systems.



Urban Agriculture: Food, Jobs and Sustainable Cities

Smit, Jac, Annu Ratta and Joe Nasr. 1996. UNDP, Habitat II Series

This is the first comprehensive publication on the subject. The book is based on exploratory trips made to over 20 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America by staff of the Urban Agriculture Initiative of the UNDP.

Growing Cities, Growing Food: urban agriculture on the policy agenda.

Bakker, Nico; Dubbeling, Marielle; Guendel, Sabine; Sabel-Koschella, Ulrich; Zeeuw, Henk de (eds). 2000. Feldafing (Germany): DSE. 467 p.

This reader marks the beginning of the RUAF programme. It has contributed to the debate on the value of urban agriculture for sustainable urban development. It contains thematic articles and case studies from selected cities in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

For Hunger-Proof Cities: Sustainable Urban Food Systems

Koc, Mustafa, Rod MacRae, Luc J.A. Mougeot, and Jennifer Welsh (Eds.) 1999. IDRC. ISBN 0-88936-882-1. 252 pp.

This book examines food security from an urban perspective. It discusses existing local food systems and ways to improve the availability and accessibility of food for city dwellers, considering methods of analysis, and marketing and distribution structures.

AGROPOLIS, The Social, Political, and Environmental Dimensions of Urban Agriculture

Mougeot, Luc J.A. 2005. Earthscan/IDRC. ISBN 1-55250-186-8. 308 pp.

The initial findings of the original field research projects funded by IDRC's AGROPOLIS International Graduate Research Awards on Urban Agriculture are presented in this book.

Alternative Urban Futures, Planning for Sustainable Development in Cities throughout the World

Pinderhughes, Raquel. 2003. Rowman and Littlefield Inc, forthcoming December 2003.

This publication explores the approaches and appropriate technologies that can be used in five critical areas: water, waste, energy, transportation, and food systems.

Urban Agriculture

This video on urban agriculture, produced by ETC-RUAF with AV2, has been translated into six languages and is available on video and cd-rom. It consists of two parts. The first part describes the different forms of urban agriculture and the potential contribution of each of them. The second part presents three examples of local processes of policy development and planning for urban agriculture.

The Peri-Urban Interface, a tale of two cities.

Brook, Robert and Julio Dávila (eds.). 2000. School of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, University of Wales and Development Planning Unit, University College London.

The publication describes urban agriculture by comparing the cases of two cities: Kumasi in Ghana and Hubli-Dharwad in India. It covers interesting aspects of methodologies (for instance defining the peri-urban interface and livelihoods) and provides good case analysis of different problems and opportunities, also in relation to urban agriculture.

Urban-Rural Linkages: an annotated bibliography 1994-2004

UN-HABITAT. ISBN: 92-1-131713-4

This bibliography brings together references on published materials as well as grey literature.



www.ruaf.org

The website of the Resource Centre on Urban Agriculture and Food Security contains information on the international partnership programme, links, a searchable bibliography and resource guide on urban agriculture, recent publications, and the Urban Agriculture magazine.

www.idrc.ca

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) website provides extensive coverage on the research programmes and projects supported by IDRC. IDRC's Cities Feeding People Programme can be found at <http://www.idrc.ca/cdf>, and is among the most prominent ones on urban agriculture.

www.cityfarmer.org

This long-running and well-known website is an important clearinghouse for descriptions, research and opinions on community-based urban agriculture projects and practices.

www.cipotato.org/urbanharvest

In late 1999 the CGIAR launched a system-wide initiative to direct and coordinate the collective knowledge and technologies of the Future Harvest Centers towards strengthening urban and peri-urban agriculture. The Initiative, formerly known by its acronym SIUPA, is renamed Urban Harvest and has been involved supporting and implementing research and development projects in regional settings, as well as in alliance-building initiatives at global and regional level.

www.iied.org

The Human Settlements Programme of the IIED works to reduce poverty and improve health and housing conditions in the urban centres of Latin America, Asia and Africa. The Programme seeks to combine this with promoting good governance and ecologically sustainable patterns of urban development.

www.fao.org

The Priority Area for Interdisciplinary Action on Food for the Cities covers a wide array of technical areas, which can be found on the different pages of the departments involved.

www.ucl.ac.uk/dpu/pui/

This is the website of the Peri-urban Interface Project, "Strategic Environmental Planning and Management for the Peri-Urban Interface", of the University College London.

www.developmentgateway.org

The Development Gateway Foundation, through its website, puts the internet to work for developing countries under the motto, "connect, collaborate and change your world".

www.leisa.org

This is the website of ILEIA (Centre for Information on Low-External-Input and Sustainable Agriculture) with information on successful experiences of agro-ecological approaches and the *LEISA Magazine*.

www.foodsecurity.org

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is a non-profit, North American organisation dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems. CFSC has over 325 member organizations. The site offers a wealth of experiences.

www.communitygarden.org

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a bi-national nonprofit membership organisation of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities. The site provides practical information, but also seeks to facilitate social interaction and self-reliance, beautifying neighbourhoods, and producing nutritious food.

