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Urban & Small Agriculture Production

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Building Opportunities:
Arizona Urban Agriculture
Production Program for
Small-Scale and
Beginning Farmers





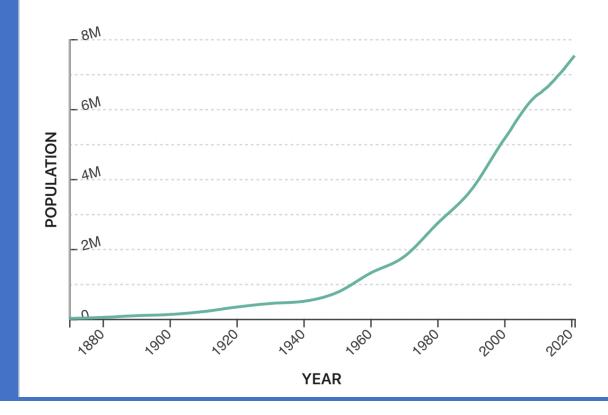


About half of humanity live in cities today. By 2050, two-thirds of the global population will be urban dwellers.

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Arizona Population 2021

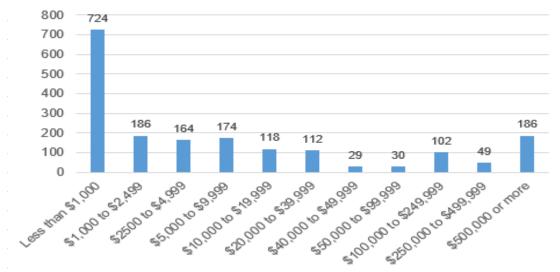
7,520,103





Statistics

- 50% of Arizona farms have less than ten acres of land
- 88% of the farms earning less than \$25,000 in annual sales.



- Average farm sizes in Arizona decreased by 57%
- The number of farms increased by 127%, with 24% beginner farmers in the state.
- Small urban agriculture contribution to economic development, employment, sustainable local fresh food, tourism industry is great and requiring more support.





What is Urban Agriculture?

Urban agriculture, is "[c]ity and suburban agriculture [that] takes the form of backyard, roof-top and balcony gardening, community gardening in vacant lots and parks, roadside urban fringe agriculture and livestock grazing in open space." [EPA [epa.gov] website (9/23/2022)]

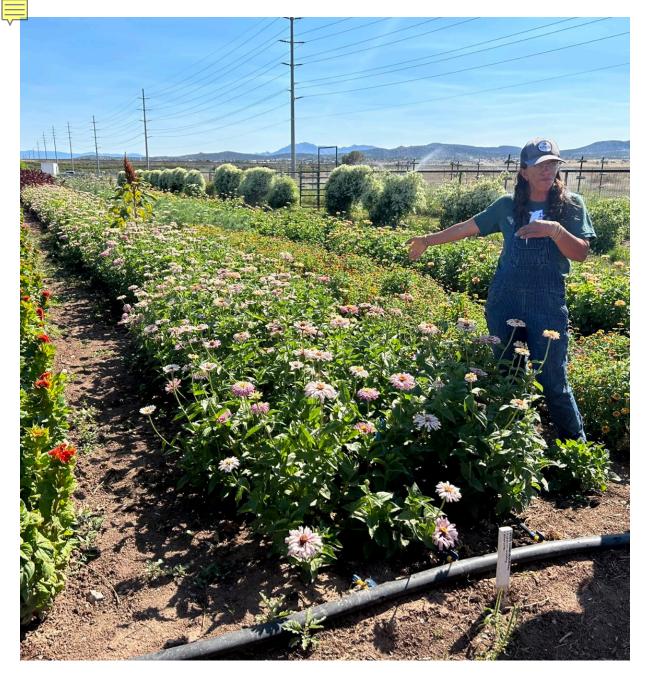


"Urban agriculture includes the cultivation, processing and distribution of agricultural products in urban and suburban areas. Community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponic facilities, and vertical production are all examples of urban agriculture. Tribal communities and small towns may also be included." [USDA [usda.gov] website (9/23/2022)]



































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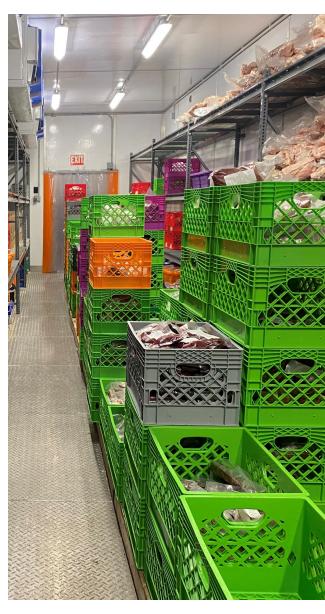














The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Urban Agriculture Production, Small-Scale, and Beginning Farmer Program

- Newsletter & Instagram
- People's
 Demonstration
 Farm & Research
 site at SoO /
 Tucson
- Technical
 Assistance via phone, email, or in-person



The Urban Agriculture & Beginner Farmer Program

FOR URBAN, SMALL-SCALE, & BEGINNER FARMERS



January 12 3:00-4:00pm in Phoenix

Join our Service Incubator series! A new **in-person** event series in Maricopa County. Hosted by the UArizona Cooperative Extension's Urban Agriculture Production, Small-Scale, and Beginning Farmer Program, the Service Incubator is a bi-monthly meeting with representatives from USDA-NRCS, FSA, and urban, small-scale and beginner farmers.

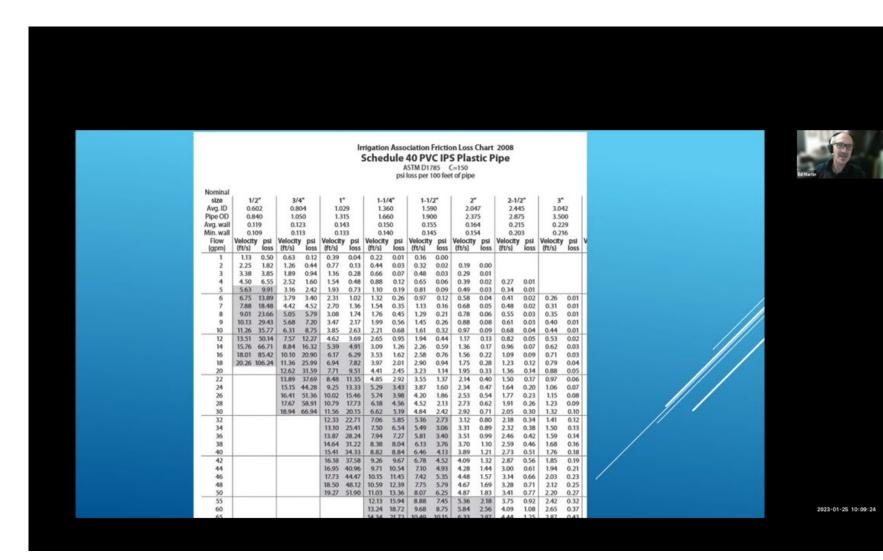
Service Incubator meetings open up opportunities to discuss USDA programs and services, the unique needs of each community, and offer opportunity for direct technical assistance.

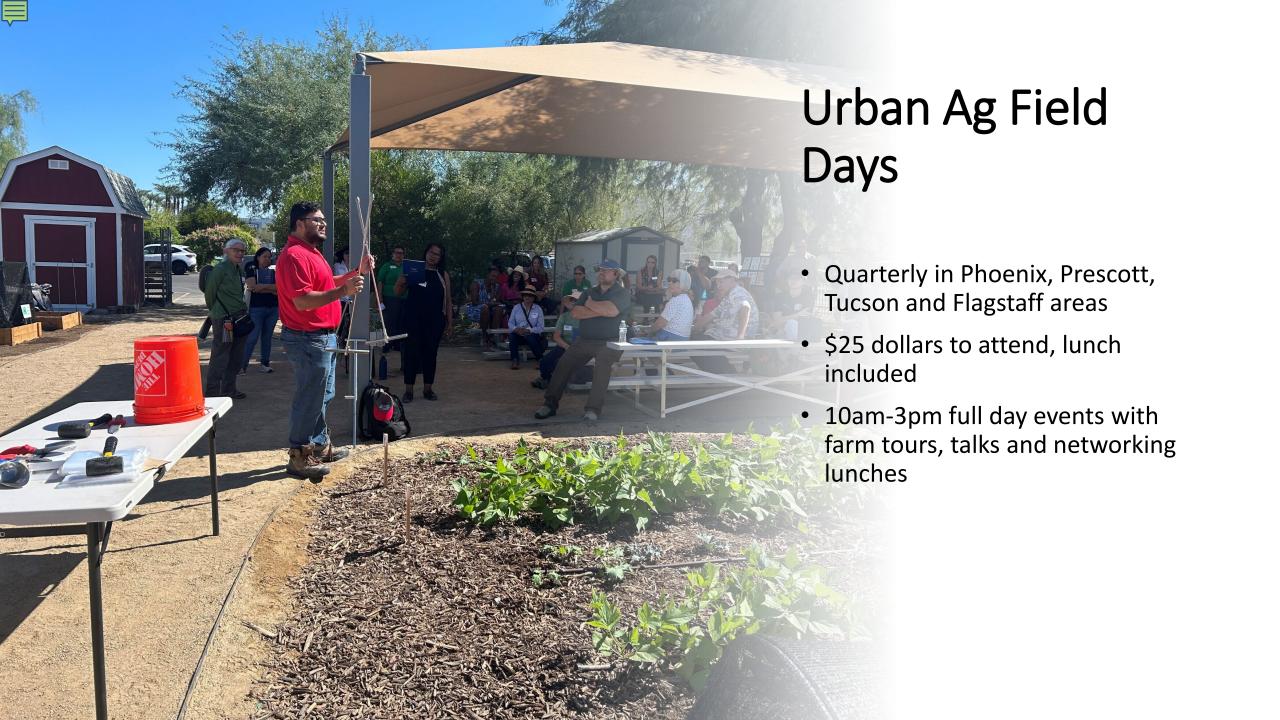
This event is free to attend, Register here!



The Urban Ag Hour

- Monthly on Zoom
- Brings in speakers from USDA, AZDA, non-profits & agricultural technical experts
- Free to attend, 1-hour!









Course Offerings and Certifications

- Beekeeping Certificate Course
- Urban and Small Farm Course – Coming soon!
- Urban and Small-Scale Ag Conservation Certification – Coming Soon!

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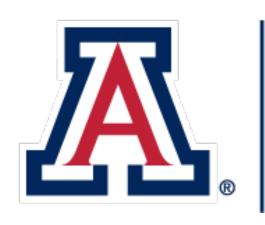
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