

# 2019 COLUMBUS URBAN FARM TOUR SERIES



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**T**he Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series is a joint project sponsored by the Franklin County Office of Ohio State University Extension, 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 614.292.7670 or [hogan.1@osu.edu](mailto: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](http://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.



## Certified Organic Vegetable Farm Tour

**Sunday, June 16 • 2-3 p.m.**

### Peace Love and Freedom Farm

Milan Karcic  
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Milan Karcic has been farming full time for seven years. In addition to selling at the Clintonville Farmers' Market, he runs a 25 member community supported agriculture (CSA) program and makes movies. At this tour, co-sponsored by The Ohio State University, participants will learn how to prepare and plant a row of vegetables.

**Directions:** From I-71, take the Morse Rd. exit and drive east on Morse Rd. Turn right on N. 4th St. and the farm will be on your right. Park on the street.

## Transitional Produce and Flower Farm Tour

**Saturday, July 13 • 3 p.m.**

### Happy Toes Homestead

Katie Hawkins  
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Katie Hawkins is a beginning farmer who started Happy Toes Homestead in 2017, which she immediately began to transition to organic. She raises microgreens, herbs, cut flowers, and heirloom vegetables on a 2 acre urban farm in Columbus. She is

launching her first community supported agriculture (CSA) program this year, featuring produce and flowers, and she sells at farmers' markets and local restaurants.

She is happy to share her lessons learned in produce, microgreen, and flower production from the beginning farmer perspective. This tour will have a heavy emphasis on the organic transition and certification process, because Katie also works for the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association as a compliance coordinator. The tour will also focus on the challenges of being a beginning, woman farmer in an urban environment, which has not been previously farmed. Participants will see her fields, equipment, and various infrastructure improvements including her greenhouse, high tunnel, irrigation system, and more.

**Registration:** To register for this free tour, email [happytoeshomestead@gmail.com](mailto:happytoeshomestead@gmail.com).

**Directions:** From I-71, take the Cooke Rd. exit and drive toward E. Cooke Rd. Turn right at the stop sign onto E. Cooke Rd. and proceed just over the hill (less than a block). The farm is on the south side of the street (mint green house). Please turn into the driveway and look for parking signs.



## Pioneering Urban Farm Tour

**Saturday, July 13 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

### Four Seasons City Farm

Daniel Ingwersen  
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Four Seasons City Farm is the oldest operating urban farm in Columbus. Started in 2004, the non-profit farm operates four sites in the Near Eastside neighborhood covering nearly 1.5 acres. The farm produces berries, tree fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Produce is provided to several food pantries, given to volunteers, and marketed through a 20 share community supported agriculture program. The farm is operated by volunteers and includes a youth education component, including a Summer Chef's program.

**Directions:** From I-70 in Columbus, take the Miller/Kelton exit and travel north on Miller Ave. to E. Mound St. Turn left on E. Mound St. and travel approximately 12 blocks to the farm site.

## Vacant Lots Become Productive Urban Farm Tour

**Saturday, August 10 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

### Magic House Farms

Joe Wolfle  
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Magic House Farms is a community-based urban farm spanning a half acre on converted vacant lots in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus. In its third season, the farm focuses on companion planting and intercropping. Across four city Land Bank parcels, practices rooted in organic agriculture have been used to maximize a healthy crop yield and variety for food for the local community. The expansion and experimentation of the farm have been made possible by volunteers. Guests are invited to see how this urban oasis in a distressed neighborhood has grown from a small one person operation to a flourishing and needed neighborhood resource.

**Directions:** In Columbus, exit I-70 onto Broad St./Rte. 40. Drive east on Broad St. toward downtown Columbus and turn left onto N. Yale Ave.

# Year-Round Youth Garden to Address Food Insecurity Farm Tour

**Saturday, August 17 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

## Highland Youth Garden

Beth Urban  
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Highland Youth Garden is an award-winning youth garden that focuses on food insecurity, gardening education, and nutrition education for youth in the Hilltop neighborhood of Columbus. The nearly half acre garden covers two formerly vacant city lots and includes a high tunnel to extend the growing season. The garden offers a diverse, hands-on learning environment for children, giving them the space and guidance to grow their own food. Join this tour to see the educational garden, high tunnel, native garden, herb garden, and composting facility.

**Directions:** In Columbus, exit I-70 at Broad St./Rte. 40. Drive west on Broad St. Turn left on Clarendon St., right on Palmetto St., and then right on S. Highland Ave.



HIGHLAND YOUTH GARDEN



The Ohio Master Urban Farmer program was developed by OSU Extension in Franklin County in 2014 and has graduated 196 Master Urban Farmers in four different classes. The program is a 12 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](mailto:hogan.1@osu.edu).

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