

Community Gardening & Local Agriculture Resources

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American Community Garden Association is a binational non-profit organization that works to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada.

<https://communitygarden.org/>

Big Garden works to cultivate food security by developing community gardens, creating opportunities to serve, and providing education on issues related to hunger.

<http://biggarden.org/>

Biomimicry is an approach to innovation that seeks sustainable solutions to human challenges by emulating nature. The goal is to create products, processes, and policies that are adaptive to change over the long-term.

<https://biomimicry.org/what-is-biomimicry/>

https://youtu.be/k_GFq12w5WU

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety & Health works with the agricultural community in the Central States and beyond, conducting research, intervention, education, and outreach activities, which aim to discover the mechanisms of injury and illness, and to develop, implement, and evaluate prevention strategies that measurably improve the health and safety of members of the agricultural community.

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/>

City Sprouts works with the community to build local food systems, improve community health, empower neighborhoods, and strengthen economic viability and sustainability.

<http://www.omahasprouts.org/>

Common Soil Seed Library is part of the Omaha Public Library system, offers information on gardening and seed saving, and provides up to six packets of seeds per library card per month.

<http://guides.omahalibrary.org/commonsoil>

Community-Based Agriculture: Safety Guidelines for Youth Working in Gardens

http://www.nagcat.org/proxy/MCRF-Centers-NFMC-NCCRAHS_Community_Garden_Booklet.1.pdf

Community Crops empowers people to grow food through education, experiences and resources.

<http://communitycrops.org/>

Douglas County Health Department, Community Garden GIS Map

<http://www.douglascounty-ne.gov/gardens/community-garden-info>



Douglas County Health Department: Starting a Community Garden Toolkit is designed to give many different groups the basic information they need to start their gardening project.

http://www.douglascounty-ne.gov/gardens/images/stories/commgarden/Community%20Garden_Market_ToolKit_3_29_11_version%208.pdf

Extension (Community, Local, and Regional Food Systems)

http://articles.extension.org/community_and_regional_food_systems

Grow It, Try It, Like It! is a USDA garden-themed nutrition education kit to introduce young children to several fruits and vegetables.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/growit.html>

Junior Master Gardener Program is a 4-H youth development program of the USDA Cooperative Extension system that provides an educational curriculum to help kids learn how to garden.

www.jmgkids.us/

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food is a USDA-wide effort to better connect consumers to their local producers. The website provides a list of the major loan and grant programs available through the Department to support the development of local agriculture, some of which may be used for community gardening projects.

www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer

Nebraska Farmers' Union works to protect and enhance the quality of life and economic well-being of family farmers and ranchers, and their rural communities.

<http://nebraskafarmersunion.org/>

Nebraska Master Gardener Program

<http://mastergardener.unl.edu/>

No More Empty Pots is a grassroots non-profit organization that connects individuals and groups to improve self-sufficiency, regional food security, and economic resilience of urban and rural communities through advocacy and action.

<http://www.nmepomaha.org/>

North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT) is a collection of guidelines designed to assist parents and others in assigning age-appropriate tasks for children ages 7–16 who live or work on farms and ranches. The guidelines are based on an understanding of childhood growth and development, agricultural practices, principles of childhood injury, and agricultural and occupational safety.

<http://www.nagcat.org/nagcat/>



Omaha Permaculture aims to foster unused or unwanted vacant land to elevate the property's utility and value for the surrounding neighborhood by creating healthy ecosystems through urban agriculture related economic development.

<http://www.omahapermaculture.org/>

Omaha Vacant Lot Toolkit is primarily designed for the vacant properties east of 72nd Street, some of which are owned by the City of Omaha. This toolkit will provide examples of what can be done with a vacant lot and what to consider when designing a plan for the vacant lot. A budget worksheet is provided at the end of the toolkit to assist in estimating costs, and a list of funding resources is also included.

<http://planninghcd.cityofomaha.org/images/stories/pdfs/VLT%20Reduced.pdf>

Stranger in a Strange Land: Immigrant Gardeners in a Nation of Immigrants

<https://communitygarden.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Greening-Review-2015-August-WEB.pdf>