WHAT IS URBAN AGRICULTURE?

Urban agriculture is the production, processing, distribution, and sale of food within urban, suburban, and peri-urban areas for commercial, noncommercial, hobby, educational, or nonprofit purposes. Examples of these activities include:

Food producing gardens (community, backyard, institutional, market, or rooftop)

Edible landscaping

Farmers’ markets or mobile produce trucks

Urban or market farms, including indoor and rooftop farming

Innovative food-production methods, such as hydroponics, aquaponics, and aquaculture.

Listed below is an example of urban agricultural activities that commonly appear across the rural to urban continuum, beginning with peri-urban areas which are on the outer perimeter of urban areas, moving through increasingly urbanized areas ending with the urban core in the center of cities.

PERI-URBAN
- Peri-urban farm
- Backyard chickens
- Beekeeping
- School garden
- Home garden

SUBURBAN
- Backyard chickens
- Beekeeping
- Home garden
- School garden
- Farmers markets & Community Supported Agriculture

GENERAL URBAN
- Edible landscape
- Community garden
- Farmers markets & Community Supported Agriculture
- Hydroponics and Aquaponics
- Market garden

URBAN CENTER
- Vertical farming
- Urban farm
- Foodbank
- Indoor farming

URBAN CORE
- Rooftop farming
- Farmers markets & Community Supported Agriculture
- School garden
- Vertical farming
- Urban farm
- Foodbank
- Indoor farming
- Rooftop farming