

Urban Agriculture in Delaware

UD Cooperative Extension Professionals and Master Gardener Volunteer Educators train communities to grow fresh, local foods

ISSUE



Cultivating school and community gardens, and urban farms

The face of agriculture is changing.

Urban Agriculture



Growing crops on underutilized urban properties

Benefit to Communities

closer neighborhood ties, reduced crime, education and job training opportunities and availability of healthy food for low-income residents*

Need to improve urban communities' access to education and training to grow fresh, local foods.

RESPONSE

Throughout the year:

- ◆ Provide technical assistance to urban growing initiatives.
- ◆ Design, plant and maintain a vegetable-and-fruit teaching garden.
- ◆ Develop new and current resources for gardeners and farmers.

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Workshops and presentations by UD Cooperative Extension and Master Gardener Volunteer Educators reached nearly 400 gardeners and urban farmers.

1,500

clientele reached through events such as Delaware Agriculture Week and Ag Day (sponsored by UD College of Agriculture and Natural Resources), community meetings, farmers markets and festivals.

IMPACT



interested in container and raised bed gardening.



would try new integrated techniques for pest control, including use of beneficial insects.

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expressed interest in soil health and composting.



Community Partnerships: DE Center for Horticulture, DE Urban Farm and Food Coalition, DE Department of Agriculture, NCC and several schools including William Penn High School.