



Urban Agriculture Conservation Forum 2023

San Antonio, Texas

Wednesday, September 6th 2023

Urban Agriculture Workshops

	Room 203	Room 204	Room 205	Outdoor Demonstration: Cropland Site	Outdoor Demonstration: Raised Beds	Outdoor Demonstration: Pavilion
9:00-9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Comments Kristy Oates, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service Erasmo "Eddie" Trevino, Executive Officer, Farm Service Agency Dr. Clarence Bunch, Project Manager III, Small Farm Institute, Prairie View A&M University					
9:15- 9:45 AM	"Urban Agriculture Benefits" Mitch Hagney, Director of Food Sustainability, San Antonio Food Bank					
9:45-10:00 AM	Break, Visit Vendors or walk to outdoor demonstration sites			9:45-10:00 AM Walk to Cropland Site	9:45-10:00 AM Walk to Raised Beds Site	
10:00-10:30 AM	"EPA Resources for Urban Farmers" Randy Rush, Senior Policy Advisor, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 6			10:00-11:00 AM "Small Farm Tool demo" Mitch Hagney, Director of Food Sustainability, San Antonio Food Bank	10:00-11:00 AM "Fruit & Vegetable Production" Jeff Raska, Program Assistant, Horticulture, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	
10:30-11:00 AM	"Remediating Urban Soil" Jovanna Lopez, Eco Centro/Garcia Street Urban Farm					
11:00-11:30 AM	"Connecting Community to Our Urban Forest" Jaci Randel, Executive Director of Bexar Branches Alliance & Thomas Corser, CEO of San Antonio Arboretum	"USDA Assistance Workshop" Joshua Coleman, Farm Service Agency & Isaac Norris, Natural Resources Conservation Service	"Circularity and Soil Building with your Local Mushroom Farms" Travis Breihan, Impact Manager, Smallhold			"Rainfall Simulator" Dennis Brezina, State Soil Health Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
11:30-12:00 PM						"Soil Health Demo" Dr. Ken Mix, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Soil and Crop Science, Project Director, Texas State University
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch & Visit Exhibitors					
1:00- 1:30 PM	"Aquaponics and Community Food Systems" Garrett Rhyne, Extension Agent Harris/Galveston County, Prairie View A&M University.	"Beneficial Insect ID" Michelle Akindiya, Education and Operations Director, Farmshare Austin	"Backyard Chickens: What you should know before getting started" Kim Rocha, San Antonio Backyard Chickens			
1:30- 2:00 PM	"Urban Agriculture: Changing the Tide" Jeremy Peaches, State Urban Agriculture Specialist, Cooperative Extension Program, Prairie View A&M University.	"Regenerative Farming" Cody and Natalie Scott, Green Bexar Farms				
2:00-3:00 PM	"Group Discussion with Q&A" Michelle Akindiya and Wilma Tichelaar					





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San Antonio Food Bank Workshop and Vendor locations

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