

URBAN CUISINE CONTACTS AND PEOPLE IN THE KNOW

Hoop Houses

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Vertical Farms

Urban Produce LLC

High-density vertical growing system, 16 acres, 30 ft in the air
Irvine CA, 92618
949-600-9888, info@urbanproduce.com

Green Skies Vertical Farms

David Ceaser
Oakland
510-978-1347 farmer@gsvfarm.com <http://gsvfarm.com/>
Also works with Blue Planet Consulting. Available for consults.

Aquaponics

Metropolitan Farms

Small but powerful greens + tilapia business. Interested in collaborations with schools and universities.

Benjamin Kant – Founder CEO
847-212-0220 benjkant@metro-farms.com
Chicago, IL

Control Air Community Farm

Public/private partnership. Grows tilapia, greens and herbs outdoors

Aaron Flora – Director / Creator

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Boysen Park, Anaheim, CA

Ouroboros Farms

Grows greens, herbs, Celery / Hearts of Fire / French Sorrel / Luffa / Garlic / Radishes / Tomatoes / Peppers. Not selling fish commercially as of now. Sells direct and to restaurants. Teaching focus.

Half Moon Bay, CA

650- 522-0542 info@ouroborosfarms.com

Future Foods Farms

25 acres, vegetables and tilapia

Chef Adam Navidi, Brea, CA

futurefoods farms.com, 714-448-4614

Pierre Chicoine

Automation Specialist – mad systems genius

714-801-3059

Aeroponics

LA Urban Farms

Offers Vertical Tower Gardens, organic seedlings and weekly service from seed to harvest. Tends the USC tower garden.

Wendy Coleman - Founder

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Rooftop Growing

Gotham Greens

World's largest greenhouse– growing hydroponically

www.gothamgreens.com

Chicago, IL

Windy City Harvest / McCormick Place

Kelly Larson - Director of Operations
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Mobile Container Gardening

Local Roots Farms

Grows for businesses & restaurants. Maintains ownership of containers. Scalable hydroponic technology. Looking for academic collaborations.

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Vernon, CA

Freight Farm

Sells retrofitted shipping containers ready to grow hydroponic.

www.freightfarms.com, Boston, MA

Miscellaneous

Grow Sox

Alegria Farms

Erik Cutter – Managing Director

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Irvine, CA

Equipment

Tristram Coffin - Whole Foods refrigeration system

Director of Sustainability and Facilities.

Soil Testing

Serick Matzen

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Sustainable Waste

UC Berkeley

Kitchens use Copia (www.gocopia.com), San Francisco food waste solution.
Samantha Lubow - Environment Initiatives Coordinator
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California Safe Soil

Collaboration with grocery stores / food service providers to make high value liquid soil from food waste in 3 hours
McClellan, California (near Sacramento)
916-539-5458 info@calsafesoil.com <http://www.calsafesoil.com/>

Clean World

Food waste biodigester into auto fuel
(800)-325-3472, <http://www.cleanworld.com>
Sacramento area

Products

Coalo Valley Farms

Crickets
Peter Markoe - partner
424-381-7279 info@coalo.farm www.coalo.farm
Van Nuys, CA

City Bees

San Francisco Beekeepers Association
Charlie Blevins - Director, Habitat for Honeybees
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Consulting Services

Blue Planet Consulting

Provides advisory services to public and private institutions in the design,

planning, implementation and operation of urban agriculture projects.
<http://www.blueplanet.consulting/>

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Agriitecture

Where agriculture meets architecture. Source for urban and vertical farming news, business and design. Hosts design workshops.

Next Design Workshop
Los Angeles, March 31 – April 1
<http://agriitecture.com/workshop>

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West Sacramento Urban Farm

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Farmer and design build expert. Consultation for hire
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Nonprofits & Social Ventures

Seedstock

A social venture fostering development of robust and sustainable local food systems through consulting services and other tools.

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New Harvest

Nonprofit research organization harvesting meat products from cell cultures rather than from animals

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Plant Chicago

Closed-loop food production facility and nonprofit
773-847-5523 info@plantchicago.org
Chicago, IL

reThink Food

Culinary Institute of America (CIA)
Conference and collaboration of the CIA + MIT Media Lab about innovation and
the future of the food industry.
www.re-thinkfood.org/

Extension Resources

Cooperative Extension Los Angeles County

Sustainable Food systems; UA research and tips on working with cities.
<http://ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanAg/files/215416.pdf>
Rachel Surls
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Food Systems Engineering

Lawrence Berkeley - Precision Urban Agriculture Initiative

Researching fresh produce grown in cities without the environmental costs of traditional farming via technological innovation such as understanding of the engineering and science to control complex environmental criteria like light, temperature, nutrient flow, humidity and CO2 with precision and maximum efficiency. <http://urbanag.lbl.gov/>

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California Agriculture and Food Enterprise (CAFÉ)

Fosters basic and translational research, facilitate interactions with external clientele and funding groups, and provide a conduit for dissemination of scientific information to the public.

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Controlled Environment Agriculture
Undergrad and grad programs

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Open Agriculture Initiative
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