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Benjamin Franklin said that of the ways a nation could acquire its wealth, agriculture was, "...the only honest way, wherein man receives a real increase of the seed thrown into the ground, in a kind of continual miracle, wrought by the hand of God in his favor, as a reward for his innocent life and his virtuous industry." He actively promoted agriculture locally, in the emerging country, and in his travels abroad.

## Why grow food in cities today?

- ❖ Improve local economies
- ❖ Revitalize human health
- ❖ Beautification and sustainability
- ❖ Increase human happiness
- ❖ Strengthen security and resilience
- ❖ More eco-friendly
- ❖ Re-connect people and communities
- ❖ Revive local culture

“We have an Infinity of Flowers, from which, by the voluntary Labour of Bees, Honey is extracted, for our Advantage.” – Benjamin Franklin

## Some kinds of Urban Agriculture

### Food and business:

- Community & schoolyard gardens
- Foodie restaurants & farmers markets
- Kitchen gardens, urban livestock, beekeeping
- Edible municipal landscaping
- Urban farms and food businesses

### Related industries and local benefits:

- Composting
- Local flowers and herbs
- Vertical gardening & aquaponics
- Beautification and education
- Poverty remediation
- Textiles, fiber, and clay



## Get started with these resources:



Foodtank.com “10 Urban Agriculture projects in Philadelphia”

GrowingPower.org for urban farming trainings/demos

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society resources page at PHSONline.org

Follow **31 Days of Urban Agriculture** throughout 2015 as this work-in-process is completed for display and goes on tour beginning in October. As it progresses, see the art and read thought-provoking and inspiring posts about each of 31 facets in urban agriculture, from types of farming and cultivation in cities to related business opportunities to the many cultural and social benefits.

31 Days of Urban Agriculture Art Show is online and also available to travel live to your area.