## URBAN FARMER

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## **How to: Hobby Farm**

While a hobby farm won't lead to creating a stable income, it is somewhat of a blank slate for gardeners to dig their hands into and decide what it means exactly for them specifically.

### What is a hobby farm?

This is really up to the gardener/farmer on what they want to make the hobby farm into. It could be a farmer selling a dozen eggs each week, along with a few baskets of different kinds of vegetables. However, although a hobby farmer may put in just as much or more work than a farmer who wishes to be profitable, a hobby farmer's goal is not to profit from their gardening or farming endeavors.

# How to become a hobby farmer:

A plan is always the first step in becoming anything. If you want to become a hobby farmer, flesh out what you want to grow and where you plan to grow it. This includes evaluating the land and determining what your land is fit for in terms of both vegetables and animals. This includes deciding if you have space to construct the structures needed to shelter the animals you want to take care of. It also includes It also includes mapping out where you want your garden to go and if your soil needs to be amended to support the types of vegetables you want to grow. Next, you should build whichever structures are needed for the animals you wish to obtain - such as a chicken coop or a amending an existing barn to keep goats or sheep. Also be sure to



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seek help from people going about similar endeavors as you, you may be able to get some advice from them that can be helpful in creating your hobby farm. Be sure to address your financial situation when deciding if whether or not you want to set up a hobby farm. Even if you don't need to move or purchase another property to create your farm, taking care of animals, a garden and amending structures to create a shelter for animals can be very expensive. Also, although you may receive some profit from your hobby farm, if you're not setting out to make a profit, you should be sure you can support your hobby for longer than just one season.

Also, when starting, try to start with either some vegetables, animals or both that are typically easier and less expensive to take care of – chickens instead of cows, and opt for introductory plants like tomatoes, herbs or peppers.









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### What a hobby farm is not: A hobby farm is not a business venture. It

A hobby farm is not a business venture. It also doesn't mean you are growing enough fruits and vegetables to be self-sufficient. A hobby farm won't be enough for you to go "off the grid."

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