The Art of Urban Farming – Tampa Housing Authority



Meacham Urban Farm: 1108 E. Scott Street, Tampa, FL 33602

The Meacham Urban Farm is 2.1-acres with three greenhouses (30' wide x 100' long) and a farm store providing fresh organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat, and more. The farm also has a produce cleaning station and an educational facility. It is a high-yielding, bio-intensive farm accessible to the surrounding Tampa neighborhoods with the intention of introducing healthy, nutritious, and easily available food to the community.





Farm Facts

- · All in ground, mineral based organic farm.
- Full spectrum of produce includes more than 40 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs... and expansion continues.
- . Growing season is currently 11-months but looking to extend growing season to 12-months.
- 60,000 pounds is the current projected seasonal produce volume for 2021.
- · 30 dozen eggs per week produced by the farm's free-range chickens.
- · 2 beehives with a beekeeper on the farm to harvest honey (educational program).
- · Native pollinators across the farm.
- 100 dwarf banana trees planted (each banana bunch will weigh approximately 40 lbs.).
- · 30 fruit trellises, small fruit trees, and bushes.
- Membership Available through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Members (individuals, families, wholesale, and retail) can pre-purchase produce at discounted rates. Membership is not required for purchase.
- EBT Benefits The Meacham Farm has incorporated a Florida State program, "Fresh Access Bucks," which will subsidize at 100% of the value. Card holders will receive 50% off fresh produce at the farm.
- Hours Saturdays 9:00-1:00PM and Sundays 10:00-1:00PM
- Parking A new 300 space city parking lot and additional public parking and bicycle racks are available at the Encore, both directly across from the farm.
- Accessibility Walking distance from downtown and directly across from the Encore residential buildings.
- Further information can be found at www.meachamfarm.com

Educational Facility

- Job Training Programs In partnership with the Hillsborough County School District (HCSD)
 Adult Education Division, the farm will provide cooking classes, educate on healthy food choices,
 and offer hospitality, and chef training.
- Educational Programs Developed by the Tampa Housing Authority for HCSD grades K-12, students will be bussed to the farm on a regular schedule to participate in healthy food educational programs.
- Work-Share Program Workers are Section 3 employees and are paid a \$10 hourly rate, or they
 can choose to be compensated with produce at 130% the hourly rate. Work assignments are
 focused on education.