

## Urban Agriculture at Crossroads

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**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

15 LIFE ON LAND

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14 UFE BELOW WATER

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2 ZERO HUNGER

End hunger, achiez food security and improved ny critio and promote sustainable

REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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NUSTRY, INNOVATION

8 DECENT WP







4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

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**Make cities and** human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

13 CLIMATE ACTION









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### Agriculture vs. Horticulture

| Aspect   | Agriculture               | Horticulture              |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Provision  | Calories/Protein          | Vitamins                  |
|  | Macronutrients            | Micronutrients            |
| Examples of crops                                | Grains, potatoes, legumes | Vegetables, Fruits,       |
|  |                           | Mushrooms                 |
| Area required (Martelozzo et al 2014)            | 1029% of urban space      | 73% of urban space        |
| Daily amount recommended (WHO 2003)              | 0.5-1.5 kg                | 0.4 kg                    |
| Treatment prior to consumption                   | Multi-step processing     | None or minimal           |
| Longevity  | Weeks to years (can be    | A few days (must be eaten |
|  | stored)                   | fresh)                    |
| Level of mechanization possible                  | Very high                 | Currently limited         |
| Labor intensity (jobs per hectare) (Devlin 2016) | 0.02                      | 0.23                      |
|  |                           |                           |
| Average sale value                               | Low to medium             | Medium to high            |

Adapted from Weidner et al (2019). Consolidating the current knowledge on urban agriculture in productive urban food systems: Learnings, gaps and outlook. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 209, 1637-1655.

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Skar et al. (2020). Urban agriculture as a keystone contribution towards securing sustainable and healthy development for cities in the future. *Blue-Green Systems*, *2*(1), 1-27.



### **Trade-offs concerning UA**

| Involvement of urbanites                   | Involvement of professionals        |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Soil-bound, low tech, open air             | CEA (high-tech, soilless)           |  |
| Social cohesion (education)                | Productivity, quality and safety    |  |
| Ecosystem services (biodiversity, climate) | Yield (Monocultures, intercropping) |  |
| Fragmented, small plots                    | Large plots /Vertical systems       |  |
| Labourintense                              | Capital intense                     |  |

### A quick bibliometric analysis

#### 1. Search in Web of Science (<u>https://www.webofscience.com</u>)

(TI=(urban)) AND (TI=(agriculture) OR TI=(horticulture) OR TI=(farming))

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#### 2. Analysis with Bibliometrix (https://www.bibliometrix.org/)

Cited >=1 per year  $\rightarrow$  613 papers

| 2000-2010 | 91  |  |
|-----------|-----|--|
| 2011-2015 | 155 |  |
| 2016-2020 | 367 |  |



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2000-2010

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### **Thematic analysis**

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An approach used in bibliometrics to highlight the conceptual structure of a research domain, bringing out the most discussed topics.





## Thematic analysis graphs for three time periods





### Main themes per time period

| Themes              | 2000-2010  | 2011-2015                         | 2016-2020                       |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Basic               | Management soils                                   | City food                         | Community gardens<br>Management |
| Hot                 | Urbanization health<br>Agriculture diversification | Health management<br>Heavy metals | Urban agriculture<br>Space      |
| Niche               | Africa poverty                                     | Antimicrobial resistance genes    | Insecurity                      |
| Emerging/ Declining | Infection  | Ecology<br>Quality                | Particles                       |



### Conclusion

