

URBAN AGRICULTURE SURVEY

FAQ

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions from our measures regarding the online survey form. If you can't find the answer to your query here, please feel free to contact sophie.jackson@unimelb.edu.au.

For the question “In the past week, how much time did you spend working on growing food?”, do I include the hours that other people worked on my food garden?

Yes.

If you have a plot in a community garden, share a piece of land, or even just have some eager green thumb family members who are also working in your garden, we understand it can be hard to keep track of the amount of labour and time overall that has gone in to your harvest. But if you can include their hours with yours, that would be great.

I grow food in both my frontyard and backyard, but frontyard size isn't an option provided by the survey. Do I include my frontyard size in the description of my backyard size?

Yes.

If your garden is in front of your house and within your property boundary, please just consider it your 'backyard' even though it might not be physically located behind your home. However, if for example you have raised boxes on your front balcony as your garden, this space would be considered a 'balcony garden'.

I have a flower garden adjacent to my food garden that requires a lot of inputs and time spent maintaining. Do I include information about this garden in my data?

No.

We would like to know ONLY what inputs go in to maintaining your food garden. We do understand though that sometimes a garden has both food and flowers grown near each other so it is hard to separate the inputs exactly, but please do as best you can.

In the questions about what percentage of my household's needs were met by vegetable/ eggs/ fruit that I grew, do I include previously harvested and stored items?

Yes.

If you harvested vegetables earlier in the year, froze them, and have now started eating them, please include what percentage of your vegetables needs were met by these in the week you are referring to. Same goes for items that months earlier you preserved, turned in to sauces etc.

For example - if you harvested only 2 kilos of carrots, but ate this through the week along with vegies that were frozen or preserved earlier in the year and 5 eggs from your previous week's harvest, your survey might look like this:

What did you harvest in the past week?
Please describe what you harvested using weights (e.g. 200 grams of strawberries), whole numbers (e.g. 2 apples, 8 eggs, 11 silverbeet leaves), or handfuls (e.g. two handfuls of salad greens). You can use a mix of all those measurements (e.g. 200 grams of strawberries, 2 apples, 11 silverbeet leaves, and 2 handfuls of salad greens) but please only describe each item once.

Please enter each separate item harvested in a new paragraph and do so with the format [quantity] [measurement] [item] eg.
1 kilo carrots
3 bunches spinach
8 lemons

If you didn't harvest anything, please write 0 or None.

2 kilos carrot

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In the past week, what percentage of your household's VEGETABLE needs were met by food you grew?
 %

In the past week, what percentage of your household's FRUIT needs were met by food you grew?
 %

In the past week, what percentage of your household's EGG needs were met by food you grew?
 %

If I harvested some vegetables but then I gave them away/ preserved them, do I include this information in both the question about what was harvested in the last week AND in the questions about what was given away/ swapped/ sold/ preserved?

Yes.

For example, if part of your harvest last week was 20 oranges of which you ate 7 (which may have met 20% of your fruit needs), gave away 10 and preserved 3, your survey answers might look like this:

*** What did you harvest in the past week?**

Please describe what you harvested using weights (e.g. 200 grams of strawberries), whole numbers (e.g. 2 apples, 8 eggs, 11 silverbeet leaves), or handfuls (e.g. two handfuls of salad greens). You can use a mix of all those measurements (e.g. 200 grams of strawberries, 2 apples, 11 silverbeet leaves, and 2 handfuls of salad greens) but please only describe each item once.

Please enter each separate item harvested in a new paragraph and do so with the format [quantity] [measurement] [item] eg.

1 kilo carrots
3 bunches spinach
8 lemons

If you didn't harvest anything, please write 0 or None.

20 oranges
400 gram spinach
1 kilo carrot

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*** In the past week, what percentage of your household's VEGETABLE needs were met by food you grew?**

%

*** In the past week, what percentage of your household's FRUIT needs were met by food you grew?**

%

*** In the past week, what percentage of your household's EGG needs were met by food you grew?**

%

*** How many people are in your household?**

Adults

*** Children**

*** In the past week, did you have extra produce that you gave away, swapped or sold?**

Please describe how much extra produce you had using weights, whole numbers, or handfuls. Please include any preserved produce you gave away. If you didn't have any extra produce, please type 0 or None.

Gave away 10 oranges

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*** In the past week, did you have extra produce that you preserved?**

Please describe how much you preserved using weights, whole numbers, or handfuls. If you didn't preserve anything, please write 0 or None.

Preserved 3 oranges

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