



## Truck Farm: Pulling Soon into a City Near You

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[Truck Farm](#) [1] is a simple concept with a big impact. It's a 1986 Dodge pickup with a mini-farm planted in the truck bed. It's a traveling, edible exhibit that brings a rural experience to urban students. It's a Brooklyn based CSA that makes weekly deliveries to 20 families. And it's the focus of a new short documentary coming out this year.

Called "the coolest urban agriculture project around" by The Huffington Post, the farm-on-wheels has already made a splash in schoolyards, Earth Day celebrations, Japanese morning television, and even the National Botanic Garden. What if every urban center had its own Truck Farm traveling from school to school teaching kids about how fun farming and healthy food can be, engaging them in thinking about where food comes from and getting them excited about growing food themselves? This is our vision and we're looking for a few good urban farmers to help us bring it to fruition.

**What:** A fleet of Truck Farms that will take to the road this spring popping up at schools, camps, street fairs, outdoor concerts, little league ball fields and anywhere else large groups of youth congregate. These micro-farms will be prepared and managed by nonprofits, food educators, graduate students, food co-ops, gardening groups, urban food activists and anyone else with the passion to teach kids about growing and eating healthy food. For extra credit the Farms can serve as CSA's and for extra extra credit the trucks can be run on bio-fuel.

**Where:** Communities in the US and Canada that do not have easy access to farms and/or farm fresh food. Please note: the original Truck Farm is parked in Brooklyn, NY so we are not currently accepting applicants for NYC.

**How:** We will provide you with step-by-step instructions for building, maintaining and showcasing your farm. If you can get a donated truck, the cost of materials will run you less than \$300. We are hoping to secure funding in the next few months to help our Farmers cover the cost of these materials. We will create a special Facebook page where all Truck Farmers can convene and swap ideas and resources. We will be available for troubleshooting five days/week by phone or email. We will also provide Truck Farmers with educational materials, workshop ideas and copies of Truck Farm (the film) to use during school visits and workshops.

For more info on how you or your truck can get involved, please go [here](#) [2].

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