

# Micro Farming



*If you've got green thumbs, there are numerous ways you can make money - and scale your operations to suit your requirements and abilities! Here are some options to explore.*

## **1: Selling Your Own Produce “From The Farm Gate”**

Out in the countryside, it's not uncommon to see signs along the side of the country lanes, where people offer their produce for sale: Eggs, honey, jams, fruit, veggies, baked goods, herbs, nuts and more. So if you fancy baking cakes,

growing organic greens, harvesting herbs, making jams or raising chickens, this is something you could do.

Some of them even have a simple money box allowing you to put the money in and take your box of eggs or whatever – depending on your location of course. I like this system and it's great to see that there is still this kind of trust and general honesty in the world.

## 2: Plant Nursery

You could sell **heirloom** seeds you collected and dried, or start a nursery - selling potted plants or tree saplings that you grew from seed. This could be a great additional income or even a full time biz for someone who loves the gardening life.

Back in the day, I knew a guy who was a cactus collector and he had turned it into a small business. Many types of cacti produce their own "babies" (aka "offsets" or "pups") that spring up from the base of the plant. These can be carefully separated and potted up to become their own plant and this is much easier than growing from seed or grafting. He was a fanatic - obsessed with collecting as many different cactus species as he could, and they were continually producing offsets. So there was an ongoing supply of new plants available. He ended up with 2 giant greenhouses; people could come and view the collection and shop.

## 3: Farmer's Markets, Produce Deliveries, Micro Farming

In addition to selling direct from your own yard, you have the option of farmers markets and supplying local outlets. There are also online networks such as [BigBarn](#) (UK) as well as numerous direct-to-consumer farming businesses that home deliver produce (typically organic).

Often, local stores and restaurants will be delighted to take locally grown produce. Small-scale farming can in some cases be surprisingly lucrative – for example for growers of **microgreens**: This is a means to generate maximum yield and income from a small plot of land, perhaps 1/4 acre or even indoors. The key concept is to focus on certain crops that have a high profitability - for example organic salad greens and tomatoes.

Some micro farming operations are extremely profitable. Examples / tutorials coming next.

## **Micro Farming Tutorials:**

Here are a few inspiring tutorials I found on Youtube and wrote up commentaries for:

### **Grossing \$350,000 On 1.5 Acres With Vegetables:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/grossing-350000-on-1-5-acres-with-vegetables/>

### **Swedish Farm Grossing \$275,000+ Every Six-Month Season:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/swedish-farm-grossing-275000-every-six-month-season/>

### **How To Start A Farm From Scratch – Beginner’s Guide To Growing Vegetables For Profit:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/how-to-start-a-farm-from-scratch-beginners-guide-to-growing-vegetables-for-profit/>

### **How To Grow Microgreens From Start To Finish – Complete Guide:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/how-to-grow-microgreens-from-start-to-finish-complete-guide/>

### **\$10,000 A Month Growing Microgreens In A Basement:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/10000-a-month-growing-microgreens-in-a-basement/>

### **More free tutorials:**

<https://off-grid.info/blog/category/gardening-tutorials/>

## **Regulations:**

Be aware of [Codex Alimentarius](#). There may be further important paperwork that needs to be taken care of and regulations that need to be understood. I'm not sure of the full details of this and it may only apply to those generating larger revenues – but in truth I admit this is not my area of expertise and I just don't know. Just be sure that what you are doing is above board in your region.