



SUSTAINABLE FARMING

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SUSTAINABLE FARMING AT OUSL

As the Open University of Sri Lanka, we practice integrating sustainable and environmentally responsible agricultural methods and principles into the operations and curriculum of academic institutions. This approach has gained popularity as universities strive to promote sustainability, engage students in practical learning experiences, and contribute to local food systems. Here are some key aspects of sustainable farming undertaken by OUSL.



Sustainable gardening can align with multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, contributing to a more sustainable and responsible approach to urban spaces.

Urban Agriculture

Rooftop gardens can serve as educational spaces, providing students and the community with opportunities to learn about agriculture, sustainability, and biodiversity.



Teaching and Research

We offer courses and conduct research on sustainable agriculture, agroecology, organic farming, and related subjects. This provides students with a strong academic foundation in sustainable farming practices.



Campus Farms

We have established our own farm where we practice sustainable farming techniques. These facilities serve as living laboratories where students can gain hands-on experience and conduct research.







Community Engagement

We engage with local communities to promote sustainable farming practices and provide opportunities for community members to learn about and participate in sustainable agriculture.





Sustainability Initiatives

Incorporating sustainable farming into broader sustainability initiatives on campus. This may involve composting, reducing food waste, sourcing food locally, and minimizing the environmental impact of the campus food system.



Student Involvement

Encouraging students to take part in sustainable farming projects, join farming clubs or organizations, and promote sustainable agriculture awareness.



Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Encourage collaboration between various departments and disciplines, such as agriculture, biology, environmental science, and business, to provide a holistic understanding of sustainable farming.



Sustainable Farm-to-Table Programs

Integrating sustainable produce from campus farms into the campus dining services, promoting the farm-to-table concept.

