

Havana's Organopónicos — Urban Farm Cooperatives Supplying Up to 60% of the City's Fresh Produce

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since the 1990s food crisis, Havana has built a citywide network of organopónico urban farms and co-ops covering ~8% of city land; by 2013 they and allied gardens supplied roughly 50-60% of the city's fresh produce using low-pesticide, organic methods.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Cuban Ministry of Agriculture / Urban, Suburban and Family Agriculture Movement \(co-operative network\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Sustainable Food Trust — Viva la Producción! Urban farming in Cuba](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Effective Cooperation \(GPEDC\) — Sustainable Urban Agriculture in Cuba](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Inside Climate News — Eat Local: Cuba's Urban Gardens Raise Food on Zero Emissions](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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