



among those who own mini farmhouses either right outside the city or in their home villages, where there is ample space.

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The agro-lifestyle is the perfect way to bring families and communities close to each other, and create a positive impact on today's ecosystem. You could encourage those around you to help you out or start agro-farming themselves. Exchange the different fruits and vegetables so that you can enjoy the fresh taste of produce instead of relying on market produce that are often too dried out or infested with chemicals!

Distributing the produce among friends and families is one of the biggest joys of agro-farming for many. Thank someone that did you a favour with mangoes or papayas from your own tree instead of just a curt phone call. Or, if you happen to have a farmhouse right outside the city, why not arrange weekend getaways and picnics with your loved ones where the children can learn more about nature and adults can finally take a much-needed break for the hustle-bustle of the city?



ON TO COMMERCIAL LEVELS

Agro-farming gives the agro-enthusiasts the opportunity to explore with different combinations of pesticides and fertilisers, and also innovate with different breeds. Many people also sell the excess off in local markets, even earning as high as around Tk15000-18000

per season. While it is no surprise that this lifestyle can provide a bit of a side income, the rewards are far more than just monetary. Plenty of people also take this chance to give back to society and help those that are financially worse off, either by letting them keep a part of the income or helping them

with resources such as suitable machines and so on.

FOR THE BEGINNERS

One advice any enthusiast would give is to start with as much as you are comfortable with. You don't need to cultivate a huge 5-acre land if it is mentally and monetarily draining for you. Start small with fruits or vegetables that are easy to grow, and then keep at it. Instead of trying to grow crops such as tomatoes that need a lot of effort, why not opt for chillies that are easier?

While a bit of pesticides and fertilisers every once in a while is inevitable, try to promote eco-friendly practices that will be sustainable for the environment. Enough of clouding the sky with smoke and corrupting the soil with overuse of chemicals! It is truly high time to treat Mother Nature with the respect she deserves. Agro-farming may just be a small step, but a step nonetheless. After all, its only initiatives as such that will turn 'make the world greener for a better tomorrow' from just a phrase to a reality.

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INTENSE FRESHNESS
INTENSE MOMENTS

