

Could I Make Money With Worm Farming?



I was chatting with a friend the other day and she asked me if I'd ever heard about worm farming. I said, "sure, like to compost in your apartment, right?" And she said, "sure, but did you know that you can actually make money with worm farms?" Huh. I did not know that.

My Friend's Worm Farming Story

She had been out and about running her daily errands. In a parking lot, she saw someone pull up to a woman's car that was beside her and call out, "hey do you have any worms?" How could you not be curious about such an interaction! So, she got to talking to the woman. She found out that she's a worm farmer for a living. The woman raises about 8000-10000 worms. She sells them to gardeners and farmers and even to the city.

Occasionally, she faces battles you would never think about if you weren't a worm farmer. For example, her worms got taken over by centipedes and she lost most of her farm. She had to start over. How do you write off that loss on your taxes at the end of the year? The whole thing is so fascinating. And it got me wondering what's really involved in becoming a worm farmer.

Worms Are Good For Gardens

There are, of course, many different types of worms. Not all are ones you would want in your garden. But there are lot of benefits to worms in garden, particularly [earthworms](#). And actually, most worms are earthworms. If you see worms in your garden, then it's often a sign that your garden is healthy. And if you want a healthier garden, you might choose to add worms to your garden.

Worms help gardens by:

- Processing your soil and compost and turning it into nutrients. They essentially compost for you in a super effective way. As a result, they make your soil healthier and improve garden growth.
- They also move the earth around. They create tunnels in the soil that improve air and water movement as well as growth opportunities for the roots of plants.

So, I see two main benefits to worm farming:

1. The worms help your own garden to grow.
2. You can sell the worms to other people who want their gardens to grow.

You Can Make Money Worm Farming

In our conversation, my friend mention a pilot in Sonoma who made his money worm farming. So, I did my research and learned about [Jack Chambers](#). The story goes that he put some worms into his compost, left for five days, and came home shocked to discover rich soil where the worms were living. He fell in love with worm farming (called vermiculture, by the way) and turned it into a business. He's raised millions for his company, which sells the worms to farmers. In Sonoma, that means a lot of vineyards, too.

It seems like you could start this kind of business with relatively little investment. The [Savvy Smallholder](#) says that it can be a part-time or full-time job. Seems like something you could start small and see if you like it. At the very least, you will probably improve your own garden's soil in the process. They explain that if you aren't ready to raise worms to sell, then you can start with vermicomposting: "worm farming for recycling waste."

Apparently you can sell worm castings, various worm products, and the worms themselves. Worm castings are basically earthworm-created manure or fertilizer. As for the worms themselves, in addition to selling them to farms, you can sell them for bait. It's a business to think about!

How Much Do Garden Worms Cost?

I've never bought worms. Therefore, I was a little surprised to learn that you can buy them on Amazon for your garden. One pound of red wigglers, which seems to be about 1000 worms, sells for between \$40 and \$100 there. That said, there are lots of options at various price points. I would imagine that if you sell directly to small gardeners, and perhaps you use organic gardening techniques, then that would change your price. Likewise, if you have a huge worm farm and sell in bulk

to big farms, that would change the price. So, I can't tell what kind of profit you could make. But you don't seem to pay anything for worm upkeep since they're doing their thing in the compost and soil, so most of it must be profit.

What do you think about giving worm farming a try?

Read More:

- [How to Get Free Worms For Your Garden](#)
 - [DIY Compost Using a 5 Gallon Bucket](#)
 - [5 Reasons to Use Fish Amino Acids on Your Plants](#)
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Can You Make Money Selling Tree Sprouts?



If you have tons of land then you can grow trees for sale, but is there anything you can do with trees to make money? There certainly is! If your trees are fully grown, you have the option of cutting them down and selling the wood to [Timber Buyers](#) in your area, for example. But what if you have a smaller space, as most of us do, and can't grow lots of fully-fledged trees? In this case, a good way to make money would be selling your tree sprouts, and in this article we will explore how you can do so.

What Are Tree Sprouts?

Before we talk about how to make money selling tree sprouts, let's define what they even are. This is harder than you might think. Browse around online, particularly in gardening forums, and you'll discover it's a point of contention because many people use the term to define different phases of a tree's growth.

Sprouts Are a Stage of Tree Growth

Trees grow in stages. Some of them are obvious. For example, seeds become saplings, seeds being an earlier stage of the process and saplings being the first few feet of tree growth. But some, like sprouts, are less obvious or agreed-upon. Different ways people define tree sprouts include:

- Some say a sprout is the same as a sapling. But even a sapling definition varies. It's a small still-growing tree, but is it under one foot tall or three feet tall?
- Others say that the five stages are seed, sprout, seedling, sapling, and tree. In this instance, then, the sprout is smaller than a seedling.
- Along those lines, some use seed and sprout interchangeably, and others say that a sprout is a seed that has just broken through the soil.

Generally speaking, we can say that tree sprouts are trees

that have sprouted from their seeds and are growing but are in the early stages of growth.

Tree Sucker Growth

Note that sometimes when people talk about tree sprouts, they're actually referring to [tree suckers](#). They're little growth that sprout out from the roots of the tree. They usually grow due to stress and you need to remove them to keep your tree growing healthy.

Can You Make Money Selling Tree Sprouts?

If you are good at sales, you can sell just about anything in this world. But, of course, some products make more sense to sell than others. Can you make money selling tree sprouts? Probably. You can actually make money selling trees in various growth stages from seed to sapling and even large trees. Seeds, sprouts, and saplings are ideal. They're small, so you haven't invested a lot of time and space into them.

Benefits of selling tree sprouts:

- You get the joy of growing trees even if you don't have a lot of space to keep them.
- Adding more trees to the world is good for the planet.
- If you are good at the early stages of the growth process, you can sell sprouts and saplings to people who find it hard to start from a seed.

In fact, some [tree nurseries](#) actually prefer to start with sprouts or saplings. Therefore, you might be able to connect with local nurseries and sell directly to them. This could be a great business. If you really love growing trees into sprouts and saplings, then you might even want to [start your own tree nursery](#). There are lots of different options for

making money selling tree sprouts. Give it a try.

Read More:

- [5 Quick-Growing Trees To Consider Planting This Fall](#)
 - [You Need to Mulch Trees for the Winter – Here's Why](#)
 - [How Much Does It Cost to Remove a Tree](#)
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7 Financial Benefits of Backyard Gardening



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You probably started gardening as a hobby. However, you might have always wondered if you could use gardening to save money. You certainly can. In fact, you can actually garden to make

money if you're savvy about it. The financial benefits of backyard gardening go beyond just saving at the grocery store, too! Here are seven ways you can save/make money with your backyard garden:

1. Save Money on Food

Obviously, the first money-saving thing most people think about is eating from their garden. That's definitely one of the financial benefits of backyard gardening. After all, there are so many vegetables and herbs that you can grow yourself at a cost that's significantly lower than what you'd pay for the same quantity at the grocery store. [Earth Easy](#) shares that some of the most cost-effective vegetables to grow include lettuce, bell peppers, squash, tomatoes, and garlic.

2. Sell Your Extras

Many people grow more than they can ever possibly eat in one season. If you're skilled enough to create such a bounty, then you can definitely profit off of it. You might set up a stand at the local farmer's market. Perhaps you just want to set up a table in your own front yard on the weekends. Or maybe you just want to advertise on social media what you're selling during your harvest period. Whatever method you choose, this is a great way to supply others in your area with fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and even flowers while also making some money.

Remember that you can also harvest your seeds and cuttings for sale to other backyard gardeners. Also, consider bartering with those gardeners. Trading what you have for what you need means that you don't need to spend that extra money at the grocery store.

3. Plants as Gifts

You don't have to spend money on extra gifts when you have plenty growing right in your own backyard. Head back there and pick a bouquet of fresh flowers. Make a basket of fruits and vegetables. Or collect herbs in a little envelope. These are special, personal, useful gifts that don't cost you anything extra since you're gardening anyway.

4. The Money You Save on Entertainment and Exercise

[Debt Helper](#) points out that working in the garden is exercise. Therefore, you save on gym memberships and exercise equipment. Similarly, many people enjoy garden time as a form of entertainment. Cancel your streaming television services and get outside to watch the plants grow instead. These financial benefits of backyard gardening might not be obvious. However, if done intentionally, you can save a lot of money by considering all your garden provides.

5. Health Benefits of Gardening

Gardening offers so many benefits. The exercise you get from it is just one of those benefits. You also get Vitamin D, reduce stress, and derive many other benefits from your garden. Improving your physical and mental health is good for how you feel. It's also good for your bank account. You'll save money by avoiding doctors, medication, and the downtime of ill health.

6. Rent Out Your Garden

[US News](#) notes that you can make extra money by renting out your garden. If you have a beautiful space, then you might rent it out for events. Photographers might like to photograph your garden and the items in it. Even with a small garden, you might rent it out for picnics, wine nights, or craft sessions. Try using Airbnb Experiences to advertise unique opportunities like this for extra income.

7. Offer Gardening Classes

You've already learned a lot in your own backyard garden. Therefore, you possess knowledge that you can share with others. Many people would be willing to pay for your knowledge. Host classes in your garden.

Read More:

- [Profitable Greenhouse Crops: Money in Your Pocket](#)
- [Brice Capital Helped Me Launch My Produce Business](#)
- [4 Smart Garden Devices That Save Time and Money](#)