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FARM TO FOOD PANTRY

2024 EDITION

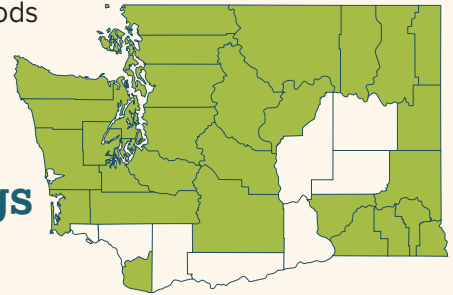
FOOD ASSISTANCE



Farm to Food Pantry is a partnership between WSDA Food Assistance and Harvest Against Hunger

- Getting local food into food banks and pantries.
- Promoting the economic growth of local farms.
- Increasing access to nutrient-dense foods for low-income households.

31 counties
39 hunger relief orgs
244 food pantries



Over **116,460 lbs.** of **food waste prevented**, correlating to a **reduction of 104 Metric Tons of CO₂ equivalent (MTCO₂e)** in greenhouse gas emissions.



OVER 451,000
client visits at participating
food pantries and meal programs

“The high quality of produce brings an extra level of dignity to shopping at a food bank.”

“F2FP ensures a steady and local supply of fresh, nutritious, and oftentimes culturally relevant fresh food offerings.”

“[We had] a customer who shopped for her mother, who was battling cancer and focusing on a holistic approach to her treatment. [She] was thrilled with the abundance and variety of healthy produce available through F2FP.”



TOP 5 DONATED CROPS

1. Apples (17,938 lbs.)
2. Winter Squash (12,762 lbs.)
3. Pears (10,557 lbs.)
4. Onions (9,627 lbs.)
5. Cauliflower (7,059 lbs.)

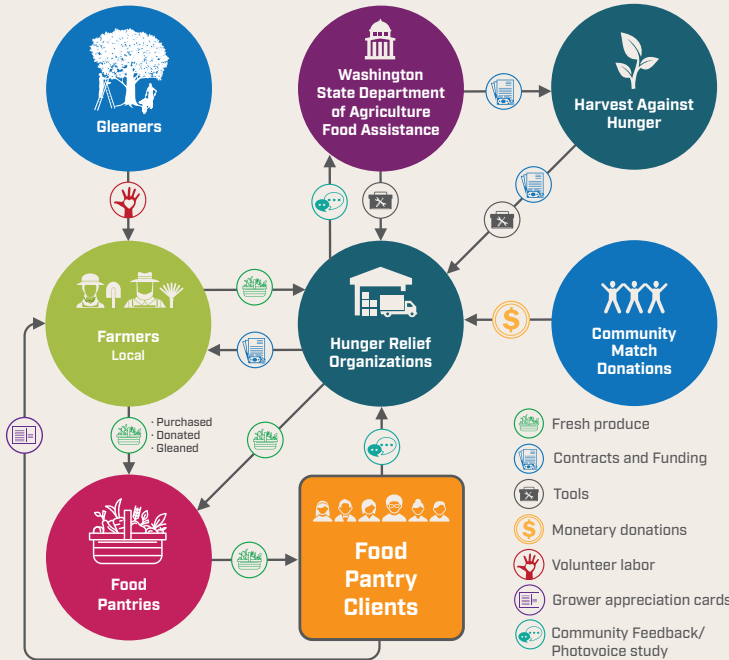
TOP 5 PURCHASED CROPS

1. Watermelon (36,945 lbs.)
2. Melon-mixed (14,952 lbs.)
3. Tomatoes (13,242 lbs.)
4. Winter Squash (12,859 lbs.)
5. Potatoes (11,626 lbs.)

SUCCESSES DURING THE 2024 SEASON

- ✓ Procured **146 unique varieties of food**, supporting **cultural familiarity and diverse diets**. Examples include leeks, green onions, fava beans, bok choy, nopales, perilla, purslane, mushrooms, oats, and hazelnuts.
- ✓ **Strengthened hyper-local relationships** between food producers and food banks. **77% of food purchases traveled less than 30 miles** from farm to distribution site.
- ✓ Distributed over **7,600 plant starts in 17 varieties to engage clients in growing their own food**. Created a standardized calculator that **projected a yield of over 16,000 lbs. of produce** from plant starts.
- ✓ **Elevated client voices through the implementation of a Photovoice study** to evaluate F2FP through participant-led discussions. Qualitative findings will be shared to increase program impact.

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY SYSTEM



Building relationships between farmers and emergency food providers to increase client access to fresh produce and support Washington agriculture.



Farmers are motivated to participate in Farm to Food Pantry for different reasons

“[We’re] very happy to have our small farm help to increase food stability and boost nutrition in our own community.”

“The extra funds received allowed us to purchase our produce/berry cooler.”

“F2FP helps us fulfill our goal of making our produce accessible to low-income individuals.”

“Decreasing our food waste has been the greatest success related to our participation with F2FP.”

68% of farmers surveyed reported an annual gross farm income of less than \$200,000 and indicated an average of

14% of income came from Farm to Food Pantry contracts.

Food pantries said:

“Our clients ask questions, take recipes, and enjoy the adventure of it.”

“We are a new participant and in LOVE with F2FP! Providing nutritious and fresh local organic produce to children and their families is a dream.”

“We [are] able to provide a market experience with nutrient dense foods that [are] locally grown.”



SINCE 2014 PILOT:

\$2,031,322

WSDA

\$2,054,859

\$ TO WASHINGTON FARMERS

\$600,150

LOCAL MATCH

\$33,089

SNAP-Ed GRANT

1,411,443 lbs.

TOTAL POUNDS PURCHASED

1,525,375 lbs.

TOTAL POUNDS DONATED/GLEANED