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

- Supplying fresh produce to those struggling to put food on the table.
- Promoting the economic growth of local farms.
- Providing money for food pantries to buy from local farmers, increasing fresh food options for low-income households.

The 2014 pilot had 3 sites in 3 counties.

22 counties
15 lead agencies
163 pantries served

502,000 clients served by food pantries in the participating counties*

My son loves when we have fresh produce and I love knowing that it was grown by local farmers.

You allow a man without means to eat like the wealthy.

Thanks for keeping us healthy, no matter our income.

For every $1 invested by WSDA 10 lbs. of produce went to food pantries

2014:
100% STATE FUNDED

2019:
51% STATE FUNDED*

49% COMMUNITY FUNDED

* Includes funding from WSDA Food Assistance as well as DOH SNAP-Ed grant funds.

DURING THE 2019 GROWING SEASON:

60,921 total pounds purchased

253,751 total pounds gleaned/donated

PURCHASED
$1.07 PER LB.

Donations reduce the cost per pound by 80%

WITH DONATIONS
21¢ PER LB.
FARM TO FOOD PANTRY SYSTEM

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

86 farmers participated

79% of farmers surveyed reported some financial benefit from participating.

“Feeding those in need while earning a living wage.”

“Provided an outlet for what would otherwise go to waste.”

“We were able to pay bills for early season start-up costs, seeds, and fertilizer.”

“Flexible purchasing enabled me to sell excess crops at the right time.”

74% of farmers surveyed reported an annual gross farm income of less than $100,000 and indicated an average of 13% of income came from Farm to Food Pantry contracts.

Since 2014 Pilot:

$163,000 WSDA

$125,000 LOCAL MATCH

251,000 lbs.

$273,000 $ TO WASHINGTON FARMERS

$19,000 SNAP-Ed GRANT

629,000 lbs.

TOTAL POUNDS PURCHASED

TOTAL POUNDS DONATED/GLEANED