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FARM TO FOOD PANTRY 2023 EDITION

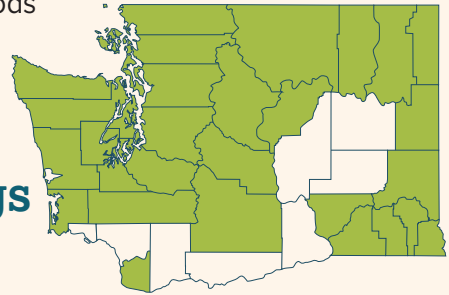
FOOD ASSISTANCE



Farm to Food Pantry is a partnership between WSDA 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
37 hunger relief orgs
209 food pantries



OVER 482,000
 client visits at participating food pantries and meal programs (83% increase over previous year)

“One of the farms we purchased from normally donates to us, so this time we got to give back to them!”

“Having strong relationships with our F2FP producers year after year means that we have become a reliable sales outlet for them as well as a donation outlet.”

“New partnership with farm led by a disabled, black Muslim woman enabled us to provide culturally appropriate foods at a higher level.”



Over **156,879 pounds** of food waste reduction realized



TOP 5 DONATED CROPS

1. Apples (22,729 lbs.)
2. Cabbage (12,777 lbs.)
3. Melons (10,324 lbs.)
4. Winter Squash (9,538 lbs.)
5. Onions (8,996 lbs.)

TOP 5 PURCHASED CROPS

1. Potatoes (51,800 lbs.)
2. Lettuce (29,611 lbs.)
3. Tomatoes (20,629 lbs.)
4. Milk (19,684 lbs.)
5. Kale (18,761 lbs.)

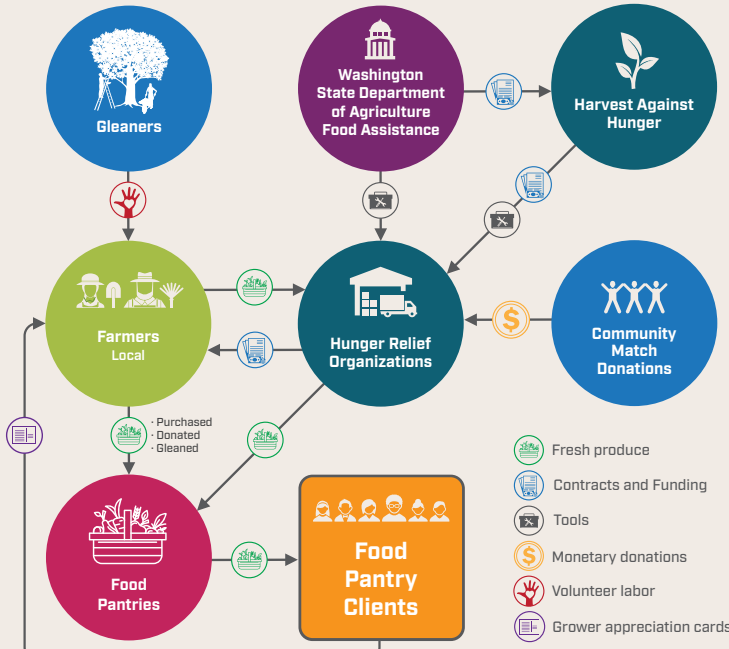
IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2023 SEASON

- ✓ New biennial period provides for **longer term planning** and **fewer funding gaps**.
- ✓ **Procurement flexibilities now allow for nonproduce purchases** like Eggs (7,455 lbs), Halal Beef (5,712 lbs), Pork (3,480 lbs), Halal Goat (750 lbs.) and Chicken (966 lbs).
- ✓ Over half subawardees were connected to the Resiliency Grants Initiative and Small Capacity grants **improving their ability to store and distribute perishable foods**.
- ✓ Local community support invested **\$139,551 in matching funds**.

Source: WSDA Farm to Food Pantry initiative 2023 data (07/01/22-06/30/23), unless otherwise noted.

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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

“F2FP helped purchase equipment that makes us more efficient/profitable.”

“The F2FP is an amazing outlet for our farm and we love that all income levels can enjoy our produce.”

“F2FP is a great way to provide quality food to more people.”

“F2FP helped us pay for an important irrigation upgrade that had been needed for two years.”

69% of farmers surveyed reported an annual gross farm income of less than \$200,000 and indicated an average of

22% of income came from Farm to Food Pantry contracts.

Food pantries said:

“Our families were really blessed to have nutritionally appropriate food on the table.”

“F2FP adds variety and color to client’s diets, and is a much healthier option than other things at the food bank.”

“F2FP clients appreciate fresh produce due to the rising costs in the grocery stores.”



SINCE 2014 PILOT:

\$1,381,322

WSDA

\$1,561,088

\$ TO WASHINGTON FARMERS

\$517,973

LOCAL MATCH

\$26,000

SNAP-Ed GRANT

1,058,758 lbs.

TOTAL POUNDS PURCHASED

1,408,915 lbs.

TOTAL POUNDS DONATED/GLEANED