



Washington State Department of Agriculture



# FARM TO FOOD PANTRY

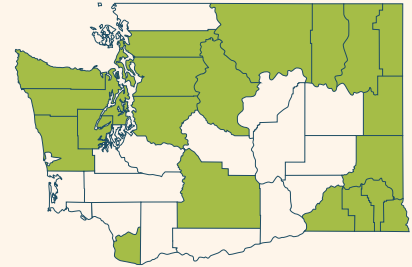
## FOOD ASSISTANCE



### 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

# \$1.07

PER LB.

Donations reduce the cost per pound by **80%**

# 21¢

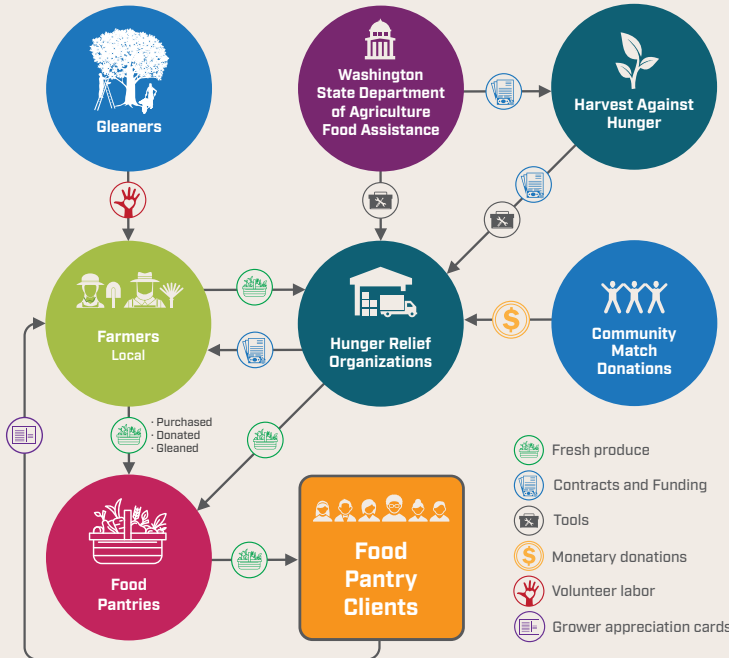
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\*All data from 2019. King County data only reflects the areas with F2FP participating organizations.

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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.



**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.”

**Food pantries said:**

“This program has allowed us to target specific types of produce that would otherwise not enter the emergency food system.”

“A homebound food bank client was overjoyed by the farm fresh produce received.”

“Our food bank clients love their options and we love being able to support our local farmers.”



**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  
**\$273,000**  
\$ TO WASHINGTON FARMERS

**\$125,000**  
LOCAL MATCH  
**\$19,000**  
SNAP-Ed GRANT

**251,000 lbs.**  
TOTAL POUNDS PURCHASED  
**629,000 lbs.**  
TOTAL POUNDS DONATED/GLEANED