

EXPAND FARM TO FOOD PANTRY STATEWIDE

Farm to Food Pantry is a public-private partnership: with combined support from WSDA and community partners, food pantries in 18 counties throughout Washington have been able to contract with local growers. These pantries successfully address gaps in serving hungry people while stimulating our rural economies.

Program Statistics

- In 2019, 92 participating farms provided nutritious produce for programs in 22 counties.
- Last year, partnerships generated over 250,000 pounds of produce in donations.
- Participating growers sold over 60,000 pounds of produce to food banks, averaging \$1.21 per pound.
- Every \$1 provided by WSDA was matched by \$1.20 from the private sector.
- 82% of farmers surveyed reported that participation in Farm to Food Pantry had some positive impact on their ability to make money for their farm.

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY REDUCES HUNGER BY:

- Increasing the amount of highly nutritious, locally sourced produce in our emergency food system.
- Creating new and stronger partnerships with farmers to increase donations and gleaning opportunities for food pantries.
- Giving food pantries ability to procure the produce that clients want and need.

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY BENEFITS FARMERS BY:

- Creating new wholesale markets.
- Providing added financial security with advanced purchasing and promotion to the public.
- Building healthier regional food systems.
- Reducing food waste.

Keep farm businesses growing while increasing access to nutritious produce for people in need: EXPAND FARM TO FOOD PANTRY STATEWIDE

"My son loves when we have fresh produce and I love knowing that it was grown by local farmers. Please keep it coming. It helps so much."

—2019 Food Pantry Client, 12th Legislative District

"With the help of this program, 95% of the product we produce gets to an end user and stays in the community."

—Front Porch Farm, Stevens County

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