



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¢

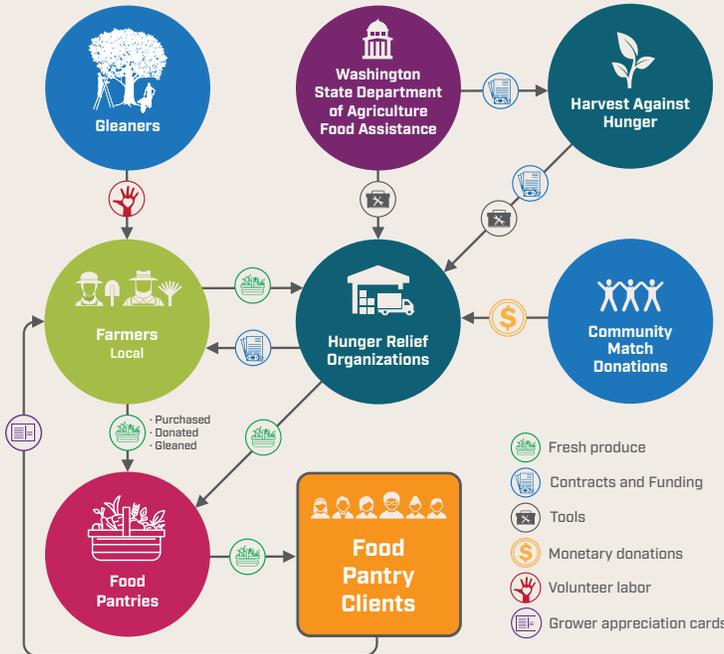
PER LB.



*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. ”

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.

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. ”



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