

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Top 10 Items Purchased in 2023

1. **Sweet Corn:** 14,340 lbs.
2. **Summer Squash:** 11,191 lbs.
3. **Tomatoes:** 10,881 lbs.
4. **Apples:** 10,000 lbs.
5. **Winter Squash:** 7,177 lbs.
6. **Potatoes:** 6,639 lbs.
7. **Sweet Peppers:** 6,544 lbs.
8. **Kale:** 6,118 lbs.
9. **Eggplant:** 5,635 lbs.
10. **Lettuce:** 5,343 lbs.

Event Highlight

Mini Conference at One Acre Farm



Mike Protas held the annual mini conference at One Acre Farm this past January, and Manna was honored to attend and discuss concerns and solicit feedback from farmers.



We received critical feedback that helped inform 2024 price changes for F2FB. It was great to see so many partners, local and regional, gather to discuss how to support and advocate for each other.

Program Updates

- **F2FB purchases resume on March 1st**
- A couple of updates for this growing season:
 - All offers need to go through [ChowMatch](#).
 - All offers must be submitted **by Sun evening each week for Tues, Wed, or Thur deliveries.**
 - All offers must be submitted **by Wed evening each week for Fri, Sat, Sun, or Mon deliveries.**
 - All invoices must be submitted **by the 7th of the following month.**

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, March 15th:** Site Visit at Amaranth Acres for FSLN Activation Grant
- **Tuesday, March 19th:** MDE Food Summit
- **Monday, April 1st - Sunday, April 7th:** National Food Waste Prevention Week

Seeking

Do you have any staffing resources to share with other farmers? There is specific interest UpCounty in areas like Dickerson, Poolesville, and Damascus.

We are also still looking for Root to Stem recipes to feature during a cooking demo for Food Waste Prevention Week: April 1-7th.

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