

# Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

## Calendar Year 2023 Metrics



- 153,510 lbs. of local food purchased
- 32 participating farms
- 9 BIPOC owned/ operated farms
- Supported 54 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)

## Farm/Event Highlight

In December 2023, participants in the 2023 Contract Growing Pilot, Manna staff members, and HIF representatives met at Gaithersburg CARES Hub to discuss the pilot. Manna staff submitted an application to replicate this model in 2024!



## Program Updates

- Updated price sheet circulated by February 1st, 2024
- Purchasing resumes March 1st, 2024
- Starting in March 2024 all Farm to Foodbank offers will need to go through ChowMatch
- Application for cold storage grant expected to open in mid-March

## Upcoming Events

- **Friday, February 23rd, 2024:** Food Producer Farmer Forum with Office of Agriculture
- **Friday, March 15th:** Site Visit at Amaranth Acres for FSLN Activation Grant
- **Tuesday, March 19th:** MDE Food Summit

## We Need Recipes

Do you have any great root-to-stem recipes for your produce to share? If so, please send to [annarose@mannafood.org](mailto:annarose@mannafood.org). We are looking to use for Food Waste Prevention Week and share on social media.

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