

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

April Metrics

- **2,578 lbs.** purchased from **10 Moco Farms**
- Supported **15 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- **4** of those FAPs were **schools**
- Most purchased items: **966 lbs. of ground beef** and **294 lbs. of bok choy**

Earth Day the Right Way!

The second of five farm visits was held on Monday, April 22nd at **Chicken of the Woods Permaculture Farm!**

We had a blast celebrating Earth Day while learning about the various techniques Bridgette Downer uses to sustainably grow food. While working closely with the natural environment around her, Bridgette is instituting many interesting practices to make her farm carbon negative. From cultivating multiple food forests to creating biochar, Chicken of the Woods is an excellent example of the positive impacts of practicing regenerative agriculture. Attendees even got the chance to take some crops and seeds home with them! Visit *Upcoming Events* for future farm visits part of this series!



Contract Growing - Year 2

Manna is excited to begin the second year of contract growing with support from the Healthcare Initiative Foundation. This growing season, Manna matched **One Acre Farm** with **The UpCounty Hub**, **Dodo Farms** with **Clifton Park Baptist Church Hub**, and **Sandy Spring Gardens** with **AfriThrive**. Between June and November 2024, farmers will conduct deliveries to their respective organizations for a total of approximately **21,025 lbs. of produce** distributed.

We can't wait to get this started and share highlights with all of you!

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, May 8th: Heroes Against Hunger** at Black Rock Center for the Arts 6pm to 8pm.
- **Thursday, June 13th: 3rd FSLN Activation Grant site visit** at AfriThrive.

Seeking

If you have an upcoming event or volunteer opportunity you would like to share with the community, please reach out to **annarose@mannafood.org** and we will share in the next newsletter!

We are still looking to host **4 more gleans before the end of June 2024.** Please reach out to **tricia@mannafood.org** if interested.

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