

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

May Metrics

- **4,502 lbs.** purchased from **13 Moco Farms**
- Supported **27 Food Assistance Providers** (FAPs)
- **10** of those FAPs were **schools**
- Most purchased item: **1,424.72 lbs. of lettuce**

Compost Corner

The Montgomery County Office of Agriculture recently built a **food scrap composting demo hub** at the Ag History Farm Park in Derwood. They have hopes of **holding workshops to teach farmers and home gardeners about composting food scraps.**

Montgomery County Master Gardeners led the first mixing of food scraps, **which were supplied from Manna's distribution center!** We are honored to participate in partnerships like this one. Reducing food waste and educating the community about composting opportunities are crucial ways to build a resilient local food system! If you are interested in connecting with composting opportunities, please reach out to annarose@mannafood.org.



Funding Opportunity

Manna, in partnership with the Montgomery County Office of Food Systems Resilience (OFSR), is soliciting proposals from farm partners **interested in pursuing collaborative funding agreements** through the Farm to Food Bank program. This opportunity is **designed to support the continued engagement of local producers** with the Montgomery County food system and in various food security initiatives. The allocated amounts are expected to be **repaid in the form of locally grown or produced table crops** or food donated to the F2FB program over up to 18 months from the agreement date. Farm partners are expected to provide products throughout the selected repayment period at **80% or more of the value** of the collaborative funding payment, using the FY24 F2FB price list to determine product values. Please stay tuned, as the **application rollout will begin the first week of June.**

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, June 13th:** 3rd FSLN Activation Grant site visit at AfriThrive
- **Monday, July 8th:** 4th FSLN Activation Grant site visit at Chirandu Farm
- **Tuesday, August 6th:** 5th FSLN Activation Grant site visit at Beauty Blooms

Seeking

If you compost on your farm and are **interested in collecting additional food scraps**, please reach out to annarose@mannafood.org. We can connect you with Food Assistance Providers who are looking to offload their food scraps.

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Manna operates Farm to Food Bank in partnership with the Office of Food Systems Resilience, the Office of Agriculture, the Montgomery County Food Council, and the Department of Health and Human Services.