

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food

- **672 lbs.** purchased from **4 MoCo Farms**
- Supported **8 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- Most purchased item: **350 lbs. of ground beef**

MoCo Producers' Forum

On Friday, February 21st, the Office of Agriculture hosted the annual MoCo Producers' Forum at the Ag History Farm Park. Several growers attended and had the opportunity to express the importance of the Farm to Food Bank program to council members, as well as emphasize the critical need for continued investment in table-crop farmers in the County. Pictured below are several participating F2FB farmers, as well as Manna's Director of Community Impact, Jenna Umbriac, and brand new Chief Executive Officer, Craig Rice!



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

Most Desired Items

Just as we sent out a F2FB Impact Survey for participating farmers, we also distributed a survey to FAPs who received F2FB items in 2024. Here is what they said their most requested items are:

1. **Tomatoes**
2. **Potatoes**
3. **Onions**
4. **Apples**
5. **Peppers**
6. **Watermelon**
7. **Corn**
8. **Green Beans**
9. **Greens**
10. **Carrots**

Program Updates

- Beginning **March 1st, 2025**, all invoices must be submitted to annarose@mannafood.org by **the 1st of the following month**.
- Check out the **FY24 F2FB Impact Report** [here!](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, March 7th:** [Rooting DC](#) - FREE urban gardening forum
- **April 7th - 13th:** National Food Waste Prevention Week