

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food

- **34,319 lbs.** purchased from **22 MoCo Farms**
- Supported **39 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- Most purchased item: **6,721 lbs.** of **summer squash**

Summer RISE Program

This past month, Manna had the pleasure of hosting **2 Summer RISE interns**. This program, led by **MCPS' Department of Partnerships**, provides career-based learning opportunities during the Summer for rising Juniors and Seniors. Both interested in pursuing the medical field, **Kai, rising senior at Blake HS**, and **Mariana, rising senior at Springbrook HS**, were eager to learn how Manna supports the MoCo community. They participated in a wide range of activities, from helping the **Community Food Education team** with **nutrition demonstrations**, to visiting several farms that participate with F2FB. They helped construct a chicken coop at **Plow and Stars**, picked cabbage and potatoes with **Sandy Spring Gardens**, picked cherry tomatoes with **Red Wiggler**, and helped pick, sort, pack, and weigh crops with **Chicken of the Woods**.



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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.