



# Farm to Food Bank FY2025 Impact Report

The Farm to Food Bank program, funded by Montgomery County and administered by Manna Food Center, supports local agriculture by purchasing products from farmers and directing them to Food Assistance Providers (FAPs) serving communities experiencing food insecurity.



**3 new farms  
added**



**31 participating  
farms**



**70 FAPs  
benefitted**



**159,644 lbs fresh produce,  
meat, and eggs purchased**



**65,000+ lbs of surplus produce  
from 2 Farmers Markets**



# Collaborative Funding

With support from the Office of Food Systems Resilience, Manna Food Center rolled out a new collaborative funding initiative in Summer 2024. This model of providing funds for farmers served as a unique means of procuring local food. 10 Montgomery County farms were awarded funding for various on-farm costs, with the expectation that the farm would pay back 80% of the award in donated food. In FY2025, 3 farms completed repayment, contributing 7,173 lbs of the 25,094 lbs donated thus far to 36 FAPs. The remaining 7 farms will complete repayment by November 30th, 2025.



*Barn at Amaranth Acres, supported through a F2FB Collaborative Funding agreement.*

## Food Systems Infrastructure Grant

In continuation of a partnership that launched at the end of FY24 with the Office of Food Systems Resilience and the Department of Health and Human Services, Manna steadily monitored the progress of projects implemented through the Food Systems Infrastructure Grant. One of the objectives of this funding was a more geographically diverse distribution of cold storage throughout Montgomery County in order to build the capacity of the local and regional food value chain to support access to locally produced foods for County residents experiencing food insecurity. Cold storage infrastructure is essential for keeping produce fresh until a delivery is made, and the implementation of these projects has allowed for more flexibility in moving local produce within the County. 14 FAPs were awarded grants, and over the course of the past fiscal year over 6,645 cubic sq. feet of cold storage has been added to these organizations.



The Montgomery County Farm to Food Bank program is facilitated by Manna Food Center, in partnership with the Office of Food Systems Resilience, the Office of Agriculture, and the Montgomery County Food Council. Report prepared by Manna Food Center. Impact numbers reflect FY25: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.