

## **Salvation Farms Vermont Commodity Program**

*Agricultural Processing Vocational Training Program at Southeast State Correctional Facility*

### **Vermont Commodity Program Crew #1**

*January 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014*

#### **Program Objectives**

In addition to taking part in the agricultural work experiences of receiving, cleaning, assessing quality, packing, and storing of raw surplus farm crops, VCP work crew members will:

1. Gain an understanding of the work, history, philosophies, and vision of Salvation Farms
2. Gain an understanding of food production realities in Vermont and nationally, topics will include:
  - a. large scale vs. small scale food production
  - b. food system sectors
  - c. food waste
  - d. hunger, malnutrition, and obesity
  - e. what roll we each can play to effect change
3. Receive training and certifications in safe food handling, including:
  - a. ServSafe – *applicable to food service industries like restaurants and cafeterias*
  - b. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)/Good Handling Practices (GHP) – *applicable to on farm production, harvesting, cleaning, packing, and storing*
  - c. Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) – *applicable to food manufacturing, minimal processing, cooking, packaging, etc.*
4. Receive training and certification in work place safety, including:
  - a. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
  - b. First Aid
  - c. CPR
5. Gain exposure to food system realities through a blend of the following:
  - a. Visits by food industry guests, *i.e. farmers, manufactures, wholesalers/distributors, charitable food sites, food service, retailers, etc.*
  - b. Documentaries, *i.e. Food Inc., A Place at the Table, Dive, and Fresh*
  - c. Readings, *i.e. excerpts from Begging for Change, Dirt, American Wasteland, Omnivores Dilemma, Rebuilding the Foodshed, etc.*

#### **Evaluation Process, Impact, and Salvation Farms Program Metrics**

- Pre-participant an post-participant survey
- Past crew members have the potential to act as “guest trainers” to next cycle of crew members
- Packroom productivity tracking; packroom paperwork