

Salvation Farms
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"I'm writing to encourage the State of Vermont to assist Salvation Farms in whatever way necessary to complete the Vermont Commodity Program buildout at the SE State Correctional Facility. Salvation Farms has worked for several years on this project and has raised a significant portion of the needed funds. This is a very exciting project that will help get Vermont farm surplus to hungry Vermonters and will be another great way that Vermont leads the nation in the local food movement. Though we work extensively with the Vermont Foodbank and local food shelves, at Pete's Greens we continue to compost or feed to pigs tens of thousands of pounds of great produce every year that has minor cosmetic defects. The same is true for many other farms. We need the Vermont Commodity Program to process our excess production and get it to hungry folks. The modest amount of money needed to complete this project is one of the best investments Vermont could make."

Pete Johnson, Pete's Greens

"The Vermont Foodbank supports the efforts of Salvation Farms to make fresh produce more accessible to Vermonters in need. As the largest charitable organization in Vermont, the Vermont Foodbank serves as many as 86,000 Vermonters each year. And because the Foodbank is key to the food security of our clients, it's imperative that we provide the healthiest, most nutritious options for those accessing our services. The work of Salvation Farms to acquire and lightly process produce is a great benefit to the Foodbank and the 270 food shelves, meal sites, shelters, senior centers and youth programs we serve. We are eager to see Salvation Farms reach their fundraising goal and to see the Vermont Commodity raw packing project at the Southeast State Correctional Facility up and running at full capacity."

Vermont Foodbank