



SALVATION FARMS

# Vermont Commodity Program

Cleaning, processing, and packing large volumes of Vermont's surplus farm crops for distribution to sites serving the nutritionally-insecure.

Vermont Commodity operations are possible through a job-training program.

## Moving Food

**263,833 pounds** of produce from 17 Vermont farms and gleaning programs moved through the Vermont Commodity Program between September 2016 and January 2018.

**791,499 servings** were distributed to 26 sites, including the Vermont Foodbank's network of 220+ agencies.

Crops are packed raw and minimally processed (cut and frozen) to extend shelf life.



## Training People

Underemployed community members gain transferrable skills and certifications during 16-week Vermont Commodity training cycles.

During the first three training cycles, **12 individuals** completed the program.



"Work has been good. Doing well. It's very fast paced and labor intensive but I am picking it right up. Good thing I worked at Salvation Farms. It made my transition to the new job easier." –Vermont Commodity Program former trainee

## Engaging Community

**104 volunteers** contributed more than 750 hours between September 2016 and January 2018.

"My experience volunteering was enlightening and humbling. It showed me how important these programs are." –Vermont Commodity Program Volunteer

