

THE OPPORTUNITY

Based on farmer responses in a 2016 Salvation Farms study, it was estimated that an average of 14.3 million pounds of wholesome vegetables and berries are left on Vermont farms each year.



14.3 million pounds is enough food to fill more than 7,000 pick-up trucks; a line of trucks extending 26 miles long

There are many reasons why edible crops aren't picked or sold: blemished crops, lack of market demand, and lack of labor are just a few.

While loss is inevitable on farms given the many unknowns that affect a farmer's season, loss on this scale can be avoided. Vermont has a tremendous opportunity to increase its reliance on food produced here. We can reduce the \$11 million used to buy produce from out of state for the 19 million institutional meals Vermont serves annually and we can enrich the



Food loss on-farms is not the fault of the farmer.

offerings provided to the estimated 80,000 food insecure who live in our state.

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Make your tax-deductible donation today.

You can make Vermont a more food independent state by moving wholesome food from farms to eaters.

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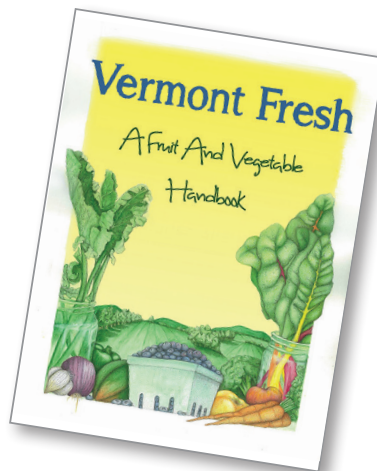
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VERMONT FRESH HANDBOOK

Part of Salvation Farms goal is to share knowledge. Contained within the pages of the Vermont Fresh Handbook is information on the nutritional value, storage, preparation and simple recipes for forty different fruits, vegetables, and herbs that grow well in Vermont.



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The Vermont Fresh handbook was produced in partnership with Sterling College and the Vermont Foodbank.

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Building increased resilience in Vermont's food system through agricultural surplus management.



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GLEANING

VERMONT COMMODITIES

Salvation Farms is an agriculturally focused non-profit driven by three primary goals:

1. Reducing food loss on farms.
2. Increasing the use of locally grown foods.
3. Fostering an appreciation for Vermont's agricultural heritage and future.

Our work is rooted in sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, and experiential education.



Salvation Farms delivers Vermont Commodity potatoes to the Lamoille Community Food Share – a long time partner in our work to reduce on-farm food loss and effect community food security.

We believe that farms are, were, and always will be our salvation; diversified farms are the cornerstones of healthy, wholesome, and stable communities and cultures. We believe the best way to build lasting change in the food system is to involve people in the process of moving food from farms to eaters.

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Salvation Farms has been making wholesome, Vermont grown crops available to communities through gleaning, the act of collecting and distributing surplus crops, since 2004.



A volunteer gleans beets, making what would have been an unharvested and uneaten crop available to people within her community.

The Vermont Gleaning Collective is a network of professional gleaning programs committed to shared goals, best practices, and common ways of measuring impact across the state. Salvation Farms coordinates Vermont Gleaning Collective meetings, maintains shared documents and the Collective's web-site, and provides technical assistance to member programs. We also run the Lamoille Valley gleaning program.

VERMONT GLEANING COLLECTIVE

Learn about the local food system, meet your community farmers, and help define how Vermont chooses to feed itself.

Become a volunteer gleaner today!

Register at:

www.VermontGleaningCollective.org

To increase Vermont's reliance on food produced in the state, Salvation Farms cleans, packs, and processes large volumes of unsold crops into manageable quantities through the Vermont Commodity Program.

At our Winooski based facility, Vermont Commodities are produced in conjunction with a workforce development program that provides individuals employable skills useful in farm and food jobs, as well as manufacturing.



Tons of surplus potatoes are available for packing into easy to handle ten pound bags.

Since 2012, Salvation Farms has tested the creation of Vermont Commodities with partners around the state, from creating frozen products with volunteers at the Vermont Food Venture Center to cleaning and packing tons of potatoes, apples, and winter squash with inmates at the SE State Correctional Facility. In 2016 we began operating the Vermont Commodity Program in our own facility.