The Farm to Food Bank program engages a network of 54 farms across the state in a partnership to provide hungry Marylanders with local produce. Through a combination of field-gleanings donations, and contract growing, these farms help the Maryland Food Bank supply fresh, nutritious food to food-insecure communities. Last year, that was nearly 2.8 million pounds!

How does the program work?

We’ve designed our Farm to Food Bank program to make it easy for local farmers to donate produce to hungry Marylanders. Participating farmers have access to food bank resources and can call upon the Maryland Food Bank to pick up donated produce at any time.

Local farmers can participate in multiple ways:
1. Donate excess crops to MFB
2. Commit to growing produce for MFB
3. Allow MFB volunteers to glean fields for leftover produce

Minimizing waste and ensuring freshness

Once the produce is in our care, we mobilize our partners and programs to make sure that we get it to hungry Marylanders while it’s still fresh! Here’s how:

• Our network partners: Soup kitchens, schools, pantries, and shelters partner with us to distribute the produce to thousands of people each day.
• Our Pantry on the Go programs: About 50% of the food distributed to underserved areas through our Pantry on the Go program comes from the Farm to Food Bank network.
• FoodWorks: Our culinary program teaches students to work with fresh produce and donated food to craft healthy, balanced meals for future distribution.
Want to spend a day on a farm?
The Maryland Food Bank is always looking for volunteers, and what better way to join the movement against hunger than by harvesting local produce!
Contact Amy Cawley at (443) 735-0757 to sign up to volunteer and glean fresh produce. Help us harvest food for the hungry!

“What we can do as farmers is take the skills we have to earn a living and when we have extra, spread it out amongst people who need it.”

Steve Mason, Mason’s Heritage Farm / Farm to Food Bank Partner

For more information, contact:

Baltimore • Salisbury • Hagerstown
2200 Halethorpe Farms Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227
410.737.8262

www.mdfoodbank.org