

# Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

## Metrics

- **1,550 lbs.** purchased from **11 MoCo farms**
- Supported **16 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- **8** of those FAPs were **schools**
- Most purchased item: **203 dozen eggs**

## Event Highlight

The first of five farm visits in the Food Systems Leadership Network Activation Grant series was held at **Amaranth Acres** on March 15th. Indhu and Vijay hosted MoCo Food Assistance Providers and other food system stakeholders to learn about the culturally considerate crops they are growing. She prepared a delicious chili with beans she harvested, as well as an Indian tomato pickle made with tomatoes. Check out *Upcoming Events* for the next site visit.



## Farmer Tax Credits

I wanted to take a moment to highlight the MD Food Donation Program. **As of July 1, 2023, farmers are able to claim 100 percent wholesale credit to all food—certified organic or otherwise,** thanks to the Farmers Feeding Families Act of 2022. **This is for donated food only. The tax credit is capped at \$5,000 per year per farm.** Exceptions may be made by the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, allowing the tax credit to be increased from \$5,000 per farm to \$10,000 per farm.

Click this [link](#) for USDA Weekly Pricing.

For more information or questions on the application process, contact Mark Powell at (410) 841-5775 or [mark.powell@maryland.gov](mailto:mark.powell@maryland.gov).

## Upcoming Events

- **April 1st - April 7th: National Food Waste Prevention Week (FWPW):** Check out the [DMV Food Recovery Week website](#) for event registration.
- **Wednesday, April 3rd:** MoCo Food Council Happy for FWPW at [7 Locks Brewing 4pm to 6pm](#).
- **Monday, April 22nd:** 2nd FSLN Activation Grant Farm Visit at [Chicken of the Woods Permaculture Farm](#).

## Seeking

We are looking to host at least **4 gleans** before the end of June 2024. If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to [tricia@mannafood.org](mailto:tricia@mannafood.org).

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