

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Metrics

- **24,461 lbs.** purchased from **26 Moco Farms**
- Supported **29 Food Assistance Providers** (FAPs)
- Most purchased item: **3,473.3 lbs. of summer squash**

Farm Highlight

We had a wonderful visit to **Chirandu Farm** at the beginning of July as part of a series of farm visits supported by The Wallace Center's Food Systems Leadership Network. These visits are meant to highlight culturally considerate crops being grown locally and the important work farmers are doing to support the Moco community. We were honored to have many elected officials in attendance, including Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Atticks. Big shoutout to Marcey, Precious, and the whole team at Chirandu for making us feel incredibly welcome and preparing a delicious lunch featuring crops they grow on their farm!



Funding Opportunities

At the beginning of the Summer, Manna rolled out a funding collaborative in partnership with the Montgomery County Office of Food Systems Resilience (OFSR). The collaborative funding agreements offered through this program will provide farm partners with **up-front payments between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to be used by the partner for a variety of approved purposes.** Please visit the [Grants tab](#) on the Community Food Rescue website for information. **This opportunity is rolling through August 15th, 2024.**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 6th: 5th and final FSLN Activation Grant site visit at Beauty Blooms

Bulk Offers

Earlier in July, we pushed out about **1600 lbs. of fresh peaches** from Lewis Orchards as a bulk offer. **6 FAPs** requested various amounts, and volunteers signed up for the deliveries! If you have items in large quantities you would like to offer, there are many opportunities to support several FAPs at once.



Seeking

If you have any **pictures of your harvests and/or deliveries** to FAPs, please send to annarose@mannafood.org. We would love to share your incredible products with our network on social media.

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