

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food

- **12,550 lbs.** purchased from **13 Moco Farms**
- Supported **12 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- Directed **1,450 lbs. of sweet potatoes** to **10 School-Based pantries**
- Most purchased item: **4,137 lbs. of apples**

Celebrating Community



The Food Resources team visited the **Olney Farmers & Artists Market** at the beginning of November for their **vendor celebration**. It was great to see some of you there and to honor the incredibly hard work market participants put in to make their businesses successful!

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Manna operates Farm to Food Bank in partnership with the Office of Food Systems Resilience, the Office of Agriculture, and the Montgomery County Food Council.

Gratitude to Morgan

We want to extend immense gratitude to Manna's **Senior Program Manager for Food Resources, Morgan Crull**. Morgan joined Manna in the Summer of 2023, and for the past 15 months has been overseeing and supporting the Farm to Food Bank, Community Food Rescue, and Food Staples programs. Her last day with Manna was November 26th, and **we wish her the best of luck as she relocates back to her hometown in the Chicago area**, where she will continue fighting food insecurity within her community.

End of Growing Season Debrief

On Monday, November 18th, the Food Resources team **convened several F2FB-participating farmers** to discuss this **past growing season**. Here are some key topics we touched on:

1. Many of you expressed this was one of the, if not the, **worst year in recollection** in terms of production and on-farm loss.
2. There is concern over **lack of sustainable opportunities** for young and emerging farmers.
3. Many of you expressed interest in **connecting with FAPs so that they can purchase from you directly**. In the coming months we will provide a list of interested FAPs.

Upcoming Events

Greenway Farms in Gaithersburg is interested in **hosting a workshop to learn about aquaponics**. If interested, please reach out to annarose@mannafood.org. Stay tuned for more details about date and time.