



# Vermonters Feeding Vermonters

Sharing Vermont's bounty with all

**Vermonters Feeding Vermonters is the Vermont Foodbank's local approach to creating healthier communities where everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables.\***



The Vermont Foodbank and partner agencies work with Vermont farmers to set a purchase quantity and price prior to the growing season; farmers provide regular deliveries during the harvest season.

- **Partnerships with dozens of Vermont farms located throughout the state**
- **288,000 lbs of fresh, local produce purchased**
- **Estimated \$400,267 stimulus to Vermont's economy**



Fresh, local produce is provided to people facing hunger through the Vermont Foodbank's VeggieVanGo program, and partner food shelves, meal programs and housing sites.

- **20 school communities and 10 hospitals**
- **215 partner food shelves and meal programs**
- **39 housing sites**



Access to fresh, local produce for 153,000 people in Vermont annually.

- **1 in 4 people in Vermont receive food through the Vermont Foodbank**
- **All 14 Vermont counties are served by the program**
- **864,000 servings of fresh produce provided**

**Learn more at [feedingvermonters.org](http://feedingvermonters.org)**

*\* Totals projected for the 2019 growing season*





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**Vermonters Feeding Vermonters addresses key issues the state faces in working towards a better future for all.**



## IMPROVED HEALTH FOR VERMONTERS

**85%** of recipients indicated they are **more likely to eat Vermont grown produce** again

**25%** of recipients reported **increased daily vegetable consumption**

**FRESH = HEALTHY**



## SECURITY FOR FARMERS

**100%** of participating growers reported **improved financial gains**

**57%** of participating growers reported **increased stability** due to the dependability of selling large and reliable quantities

**FRESH = SECURE**



## STRONGER VERMONT ECONOMY

**\$1** spent on local produce contributes an additional **.60¢** to the **local economy\***

**Projected goal of \$800,000** added to Vermont's economy

**FRESH = STRONG**



## REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Produce is delivered within a **50** mile radius of **where it is grown**

Locally grown food **reduces the current average of 1,500** miles food travels from "field to plate"

**FRESH = GREEN**

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\* "Economic Contribution and Potential Impact of Local Food Purchases Made by Vermont Schools" By Erin Roche, Florence Becot, Jane Kolodinsky, PhD and David Conner, PhD. May 2016

