

2024 Impact Report and Spring Appeal



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June 5th 2025

Dear _____,

This moment is critical, so I'll get straight to the point.

For two consecutive years, Vermont's farmers and communities have contended with unprecedented flooding—damaging crops, disrupting harvests. And now, deep and painful cuts to federal funding are jeopardizing the very programs designed to ensure access to local food and reduce hunger.

Our mission has never been more critical—or more vulnerable. We need your support to raise \$35,000 by July 15th to keep our programs strong and able to meet this moment.

When Salvation Farms recovers surplus crops, we not only reduce food waste but also support local farmers by giving value to every bit of their hard-earned harvest. Thanks to your partnership, we gleaned and distributed over 70,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food from farms across the state—food that would have otherwise gone to waste.

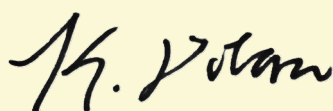
And on the horizon in 2025 is the launch of our new food processing facility, greatly expanding our ability to get more local food to our neighbors. Through community-based food distribution, education, and workforce development, we're building a more resilient food system—one rooted in abundance, not scarcity.

Individual donors like you are essential to our ability to continue this work. While grants and government programs may come and go, it is the steady, heartbeat of support from our community that keeps Salvation Farms going day in and day out, season after season.

With your support, together we can feed families, sustain farmers, and strengthen Vermont's rural communities. Read through Salvation Farms' impact in 2024 to see what we have been able to accomplish together and also make a gift to support this work in the coming year.

Your gift isn't just a donation. It's food on a family's table. It's a saved harvest. It's a sign that Vermont's food system can—and must—work for everyone. The work of nourishing our state belongs to all of us.

With gratitude and determination,



Kelly Dolan
Executive Director



100% of farms felt confident working with Salvation Farms' gleaning staff

100% of farms reported strong communication with Salvation Farms' gleaning staff

100% of farms felt confident in the quality of Salvation Farms' management of volunteers of different ages and experience levels

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"In the Field": Salvation Farms Gleaning and Processing Programs



Salvation Farms' Glean Team had an incredibly productive season. Together, they made sure local farm fresh food nourished neighbors across the Northeast Kingdom and Lamoille Valley, reaching meal sites, food shelves, early childhood programs, and recovery centers when it was needed most.

- 73,281 pounds of gleaned food from 40 farms destined for 63 recipient sites
- 137 volunteers providing just under 500 hours of service
- **On the Horizon for 2025:** Emergency Response Planning for flooding and other climate related events, information packets for farms and food recipient sites, adding on additional farms in the Lamoille Valley, and improving our operations to ensure greater food safety, farm and volunteer experiences.

Salvation Farms' Processing Program united people, food, and purpose to transform surplus crops into nourishing, ready-to-use vegetables. From piloting high-volume production with the Center for an Agricultural Economy's Just Cut Program to co-hosting cooking workshops with Jenna's Promise residents, every effort was grounded in care, learning, and collaboration.

- 4,866 pounds of processed food including 17 different crop varieties done with the support of 114 volunteer hours
- Partnering with women in recovery through Jenna's Promise, we did cooking classes with end product distributed to food sites - 60 quarts of squash soup and 50 pints of salsa.
- **On the Horizon for 2025:** Prepping for the full relaunch of our processing program - Hiring, fundraising, business and operations plans!



"I see the appreciation and gratitude. The food I deliver make a difference in people's lives. Food that was destined for the landfill winds up in someone's belly. Money was saved.

Waste was prevented. What's not to like?"

- Kevin Lane, volunteer

"I love working with you and appreciate our similar goal to feed ALL of our community."

- Michelle Larocque-Tipton, owner/operator of Firefly Farm at Burke Hollow

"I love the fact that gleaned produce goes straight to people with food insecurity through our meals."

- Anna Kennedy, Saint Johnsbury Community Hub

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"We are so grateful for the donations. This partnership has been critical to the success of our youth community cooking programs, through which we are providing creative outlets for gleaned produce; educating students about how to leverage what's readily available to address real-world problems (local hunger), prevent food waste, and creating a beautiful full-circle benefit to our communities."

- Hillary Rosa, Green Mountain Farm to School

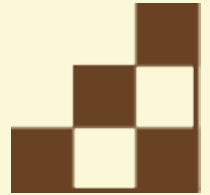


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Help us raise \$35,000 for this year's Spring Appeal!
\$100 = 100 pounds of processed veggies
\$250 = a truck full of gleaned food
\$1,000 = a full week of staff time to deliver food



Salvation Farms' Processing Hub: Opening in late 2025!

Salvation Farms' Processing Hub will be a game-changer for Vermont's farms and families.

For Farmers: Turns surplus into opportunity—providing added income from crops that might otherwise go to waste, while lifting the burden of finding and managing new markets.

For Institutions: Makes it easier and more affordable for schools and other institutions to serve fresh, local food—extending the season, reducing prep time, and sourcing from Vermont farms.

For Eaters: Ensures more Vermonters, especially those facing hardship, have access to nourishing, local food—while building climate resilience and creating meaningful jobs in Vermont's growing food economy.



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