

FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is offering food recovery assistance, in the State of Florida, via The Food Recovery Program. This program is a coordinated effort with Florida farmers, civic organizations and other food relief agencies to identify and receive unmarketable food and distribute it to those in need. The primary goal is to reduce food waste, through field gleaning (i.e. gathering leftover crops from fields after they have been commercially harvested) while increasing farmer profit margins through tax incentives. Trained volunteers are available for field gleaning, post-harvest produce pick-up, as well as produce transportation. FDACS will ensure that donors are provided with the proper documentation for a potential **tax deduction** based on the number of pounds donated.

THE FDACS FOOD RECOVERY PROCESS *We do the work for you!*

1 When fields have been commercially harvested, but still contain wholesome produce, farmers can contact established gleaning organizations or utilize FDACS resources to organize a gleaning event.



2 FDACS, in partnership with gleaning organizations, handles the logistics of scheduling a gleaning event, arranging for produce transportation to a food pantry, and providing donors with the documentation necessary for a potential tax deduction.



6 Nutritious, Florida produce is distributed to families in need in your community.

Let FDACS organize your food donations.

We'll handle all the logistics to make it a simple, quick process!



3 Volunteers visit farms and glean produce from the field or pick-up harvested produce no longer viable for marketing.

5 The produce is sorted and stored until it can be distributed.



4 The produce is then transported to a food distribution agency committed to the food recovery process.

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