



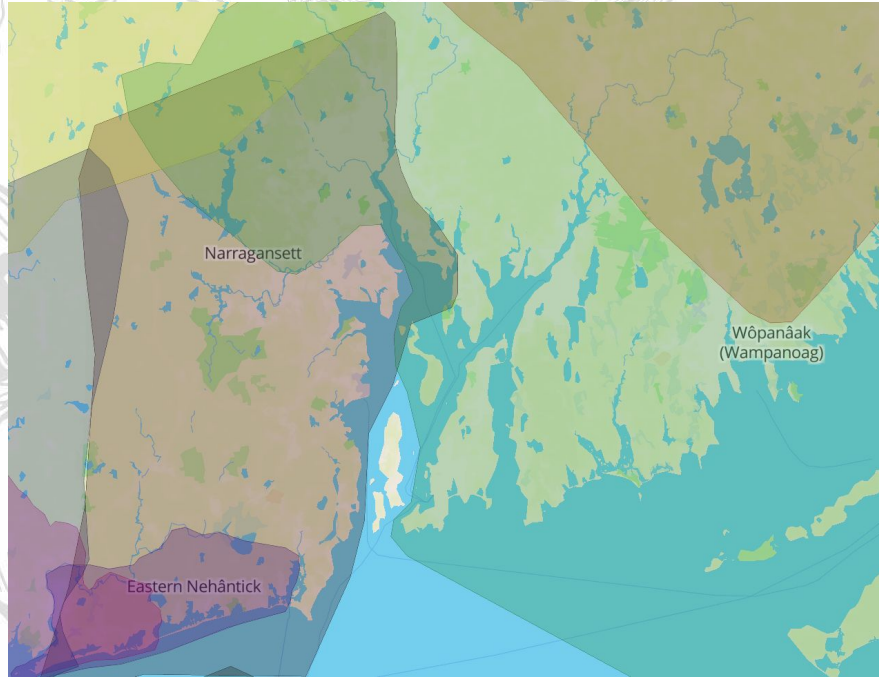
Bringing local bounty to people in need

~2023 Volunteer Orientation~

Agenda

- ★ Land & Labor Acknowledgement
- ★ Organizational Updates & 2023 Staff
- ★ Our Challenges: Hunger & Food Waste in RI
- ★ Hope's Harvest Mission & Strategy
- ★ Volunteer Registration Process

Land & Labor Acknowledgement



<https://native-land.ca/>

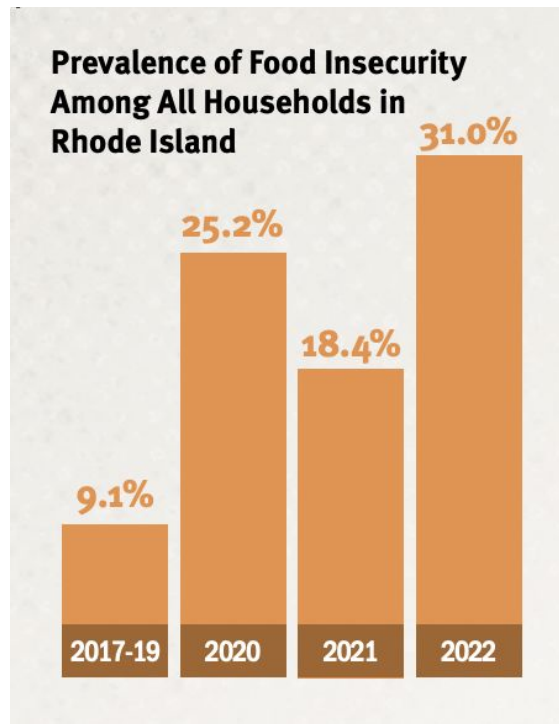
Hope's Harvest as a Program of Farm Fresh RI



Meet the 2023 Season staff!



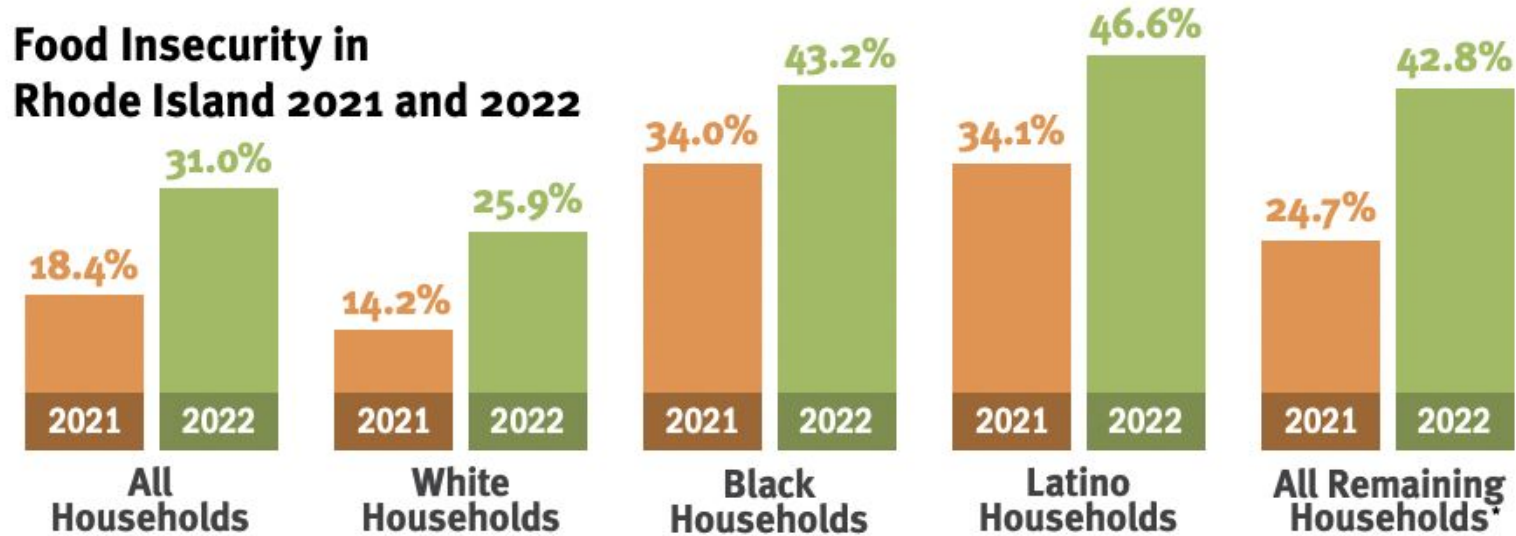
Our Challenges: Hunger in RI



What COVID-19 relief programs have ended?

- ★ Free school meals for all students: ended September 2022
- ★ Monthly child tax credit payments: ended December 2021
- ★ Pandemic EBT benefits: will be available again next summer for school-aged children, but not for children under age six
- ★ Extra Women, Infants, and Children benefits for fruit and vegetable purchases: ended September 2022.
- ★ Emergency SNAP: ended March 2023

Our Challenges: Food Insecurity & Racism



*All remaining households includes Asian, Native American/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander, and more than one race/ethnicity.

Sources of Food Waste

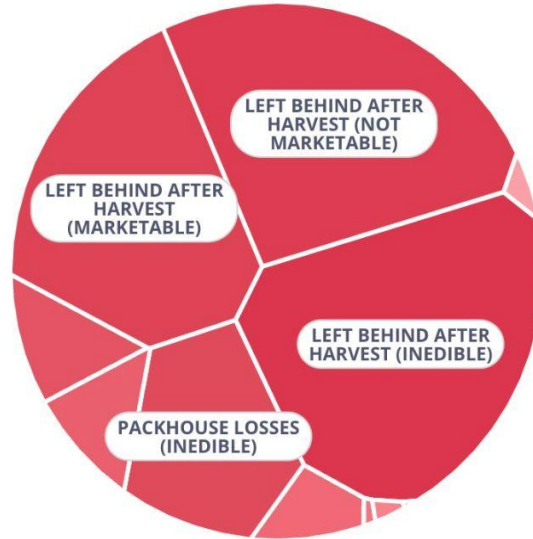
- Every year about **14 million tons** of food that could otherwise feed hungry families are left in the fields of America's farms. This amounts to **17 % of the total amount of food wasted in the U.S.** (ReFED)



15.5 million Surplus Food Tons

were generated in **Farm (produce only)** across **All States** in **2021**

Destinations Food Types Causes



ReFED

https://insights-engine.refed.org/food-waste-monitor?break_by=cause&indicator=tons-surplus&view=detail&year=2019

Hope's Harvest Mission

To improve the livelihoods of local farmers, increase food security for RI's most vulnerable residents, and get everyone engaged in strengthening the food system by eliminating on-farm food waste in Rhode Island.

Hope's Harvest Strategy



Recruit
volunteers
from the
community
to...

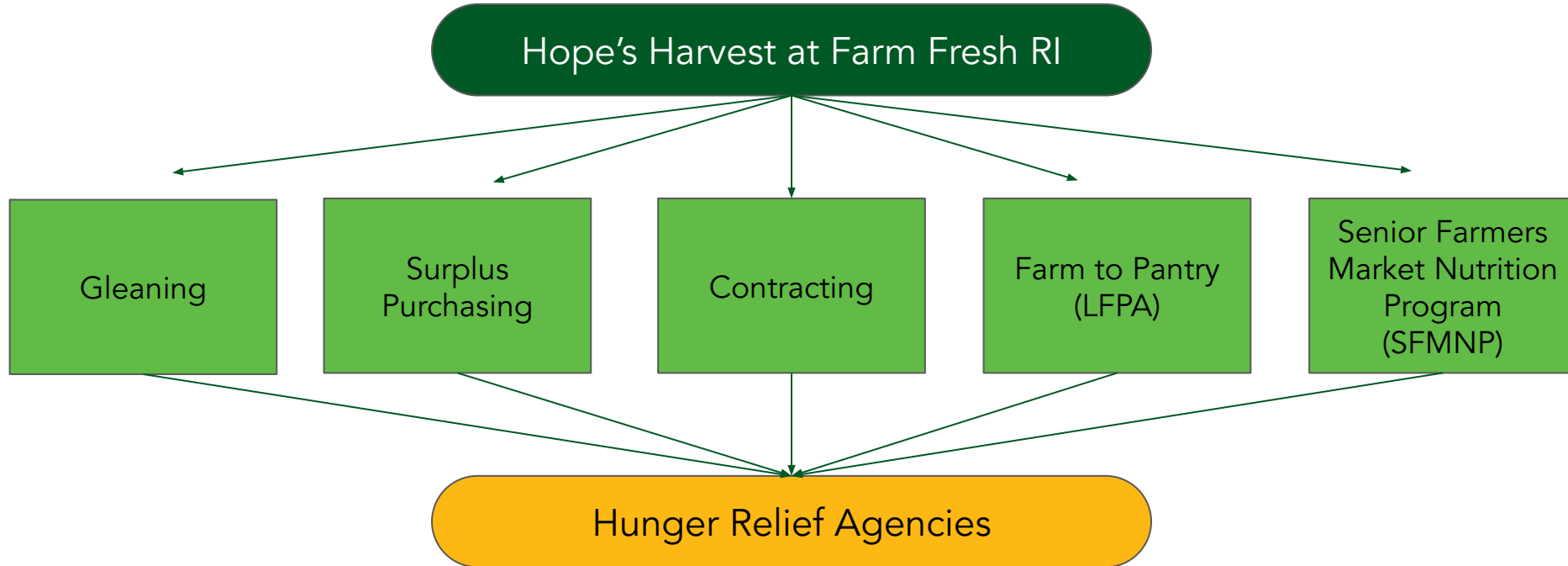


Rescue surplus
food from
local farmers'
fields and...



Deliver it to
those who
need it most

Hope's Harvest Program Expansion



Accomplishments to Date



Recruited **1100 volunteers**, **700+** of whom spent **6300 hours** rescuing...



837,000+ lbs of fresh, healthy, and local gleaned produce from...



51 farms across Rhode Island and Southeastern MA, and...

Distributed to **49 hunger relief agencies**, serving over **25,000 individuals** per month...



Accomplishments to Date

Distributed over 9,500 boxes to 92 locations through the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), reaching every senior center in the state.



Distributed to 31 agencies via the Farm to Food Pantry (FTFP) program...



Sourced from 46 growers and producers between SFMNP and FTFP



Sent over \$240,000 in producer payments across both programs

Hope's Harvest Gleaning Farm Partners:



- ★ Appleland Orchard, Greenville
- ★ Arcadian Fields, Hope Valley
- ★ Barden Family Orchard, Scituate
- ★ Bernard Smith Farm, North Scituate
- ★ Big Train Farm, Scituate
- ★ Boston Area Gleaners, Acton
- ★ Brandon Family Farm, West Kingstown
- ★ Casey Farm, North Kingstown
- ★ Charlotte's Farm, North Kingstown
- ★ Decastro's Farm, Portsmouth
- ★ Earth Care Farm, Charlestown
- ★ Ferolbink Farm, Tiverton
- ★ Four Town Farm, Seekonk MA
- ★ Freedom Food Farm, Raynham, MA
- ★ Garman Farm, Newport
- ★ Hocus Pocus Farm, Seekonk, MA
- ★ Market Mobile, Providence
- ★ Martinez Farm, Providence
- ★ McCoy Community Farm, Warren
- ★ Movement Ground Farm, Tiverton
- ★ Neighborhood Farm, Westport, MA
- ★ Osamequin Farm, Seekonk, MA
- ★ Pippin Orchard, Johnston
- ★ Revive the Roots, Smithfield
- ★ Shewatuck Farm, Exeter
- ★ Sodco Farm, Exeter
- ★ Southside Community Land Trust
- ★ Steere Orchard, Greenville
- ★ Wishing Stone Farm, Little Compton



Hope's Harvest Hunger Relief Partners:



- ★ 134 Collaborative
- ★ Beautiful Day Granola
- ★ Brown Global Medical Missions Alliance
- ★ Community Action Partnership of Providence (CAPP)
- ★ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
- ★ East Bay Food Pantry
- ★ Elisha Project
- ★ Harvest Kitchen
- ★ Hasbro Primary Care Clinic Feeding Futures
- ★ Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- ★ Jonnycake Center of Peacedale
- ★ Northern RI Food Pantry
- ★ Olneyville Food Center
- ★ Pip and Anchor
- ★ Rhode Island Community Food Bank
- ★ St. John's Lodge Food Bank
- ★ St. Martin de Porres Center and Food Bank
- ★ St. Patrick's Mary House Kitchen
- ★ TapIn
- ★ University of Rhode Island
- ★ We Share Hope
- ★ West End Community Center
- ★ Wide Awakes Collective



Hope's Harvest Hunger Relief Partners:



Additional pantries that we can serve in 2023 via Market Mobile platform:

- ★ Amos House
- ★ Better Lives Rhode Island
- ★ Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket - Family Support Program
- ★ Comprehensive Community Action Program
- ★ Coventry Community Food Bank
- ★ Crossroads RI Family Center
- ★ East Bay Community Action Program
- ★ Federal Hill House
- ★ Food Not Bombs Providence
- ★ Good Neighbors Inc
- ★ Jewish Collaborative Services
- ★ Lillian Feinstein Senior Center
- ★ Looking Upwards
- ★ McAuley Ministries
- ★ New Beginnings Inc
- ★ North Kingstown Food Pantry
- ★ Nourish Our Neighbors
- ★ PACE Organization of RI
- ★ Partnership for Providence Parks, Recreation Centers, and Streetscapes (P3)
- ★ Progreso Latino
- ★ Rhode Island Center Assisting those in Need
- ★ Sankofa
- ★ St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry
- ★ St. Peter's and St Andrews
- ★ St. Raymonds SVDP Food Bank
- ★ The Community Market at St. Peters Church
- ★ West Warwick Public Library

Hope's Harvest Volunteers: You Make It Happen!



Gleaner Benefits

- Fresh air and being in nature and on farms
- Physical activity
- Meeting other volunteers
- Learning about agriculture
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



Process for Volunteer Gleaners: Registration



The videos, forms, and registration are available on our volunteer page on the Farm Fresh Rhode Island site:

www.farmfreshri.org/programs/hopes-harvest/volunteers/

1. Watch the Farm Fresh Rhode Island volunteer orientation video (NEW IN 2023!)
2. Read and sign media and liability waivers.
3. Complete the registration form at the bottom of the Volunteer Page. You will be automatically signed up to receive weekly email notifications of upcoming trips.
4. Watch the Hope's Harvest volunteer orientation video (you are here!)
5. Complete the Hope's Harvest volunteer agreement.

Process for Volunteer Gleaners: Signing Up for Trips

Once you are all registered, you will be notified of upcoming gleaning trips the week prior via email!

1. Select which event to *sign up* for in the weekly email.
2. You will be redirected to the Eventbrite event, and will sign media and liability waivers and volunteer agreement (every time)
3. Receive information about farm location in trip confirmation
4. Get your hands dirty and harvest the bounty!!



Step 1: Select Trip in Weekly Newsletter

7/1 – 7/8 Opportunities

Dig In  **Get Involved**
Volunteering with Farm Fresh RI



Add volunteers@farmfreshri.org to your contact list so
 you don't miss our emails!

Glean with Hope's Harvest



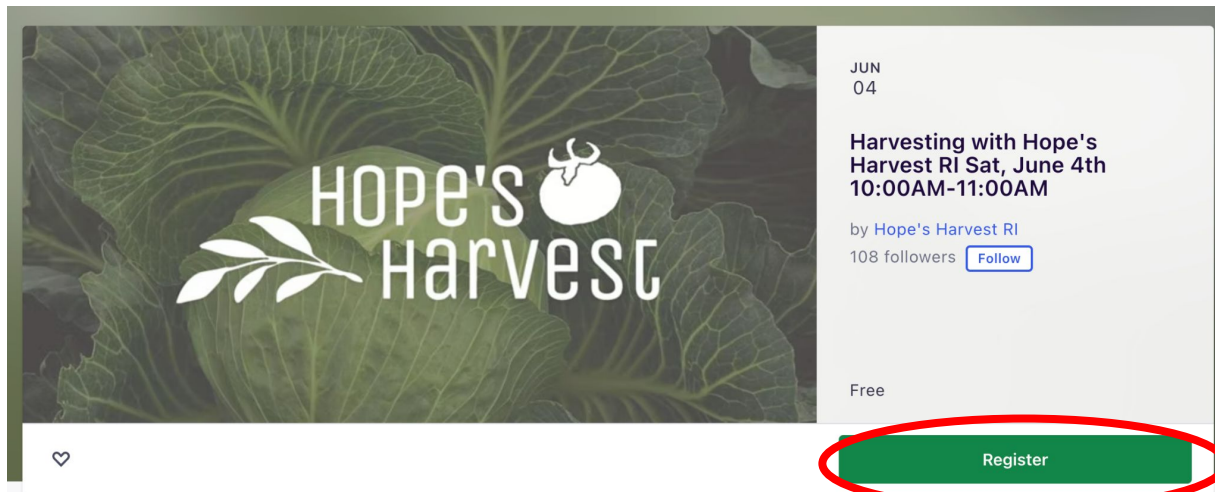
Hope's Harvest mobilizes volunteers to harvest surplus fruits and vegetables from farms, contracts with local growers, and pays for surplus produce — all for distribution to hunger relief agencies throughout RI. Hope's Harvest supports economic opportunities for local farm businesses to meet the needs of the emergency food system. Come harvest with us this week!

Lettuce Monday, July 3 from 8AM-10AM in Warren, RI

Squash Tuesday, July 4 from 8AM-10AM in North
 Kingstown, RI

Mixed Veggies Friday, July 7 from 10AM-12PM in Seekonk,
 MA

Step 2: Register on Eventbrite



I have read and agree to the volunteer agreement: *

By registering as a volunteer with Hope's Harvest RI and attending events that we sponsor, you are agreeing to the following terms of participation:

☐ I agree to the above additional terms.

I have read and agree to the Waiver of Liability: *

Assumption of Risk & Release of Liability

This Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Form (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between (the "Participant" or "I") and Hope's Harvest RI on the date of acceptance.

☐ I agree to the above additional terms.

I have read and agree to the Media Release:

This Media Release Form (the "Release") is entered into by and between (the "Participant" or "I") and Hope's Harvest RI on the date of acceptance.

☐ I agree to the above additional terms.

I have read and agree to the COVID Volunteer Agreement *

In an effort to provide a safe working environment for volunteers, staff, and partners, Hope's Harvest RI is taking extra precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing requirements, we may limit the number of volunteers that we are able to accept.

☐ I agree to the above additional terms.

I have watched the volunteer orientation and completed the volunteer quiz: <http://bit.ly/hhri-volreg> *

☐ Yes

Step 3: Check Confirmation Email



**Harvesting with Hope's Harvest RI Sat, June 4th
10:00AM-11:00AM**



 **1 x Registration**
Order total: Free

 **Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (EDT)**
Add to [Google](#) · [Outlook](#) · [iCal](#) · [Yahoo](#)

 **Seekonk - LOCATION PROVIDED IN CONFIRMATION EMAIL -**
***Must scroll to bottom of confirmation email to see farm location and map**

Additional Information

The event organizer has provided the following information:

Please scroll through and read thoroughly for address, trip leader contact info, and directions

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

You must register as a 2022 volunteer, complete our virtual orientation, take our post video quiz, and agree to our volunteer COVID agreement before attending this trip with no exceptions. All requirements and waivers are available here:

<https://www.farmfreshri.org/programs/hopes-harvest/volunteers/>

Please review our registration materials for masking requirements, in line with CDC recommendations. All volunteers must maintain at least 3 feet of distance and must have a mask with them and available to put on at any time regardless of vaccination status. You must also bring your own water, as it will not be available. If you have any questions please email or call our trip leader (contact info provided below).

ADDRESS & DIRECTIONS:

Trip Location: Four Town Farm, 90 George St, Seekonk, MA 02771

Date: Friday, May 27th, 2022

Start Time: 10:00 am

Duration: We expect to be packing for ~1 hours, please come slightly early. You can park in the market parking lot and look for our box truck. If you will be late,

Step 4: Glean with Us!

- Follow the instructions in the follow up email and arrive at the farm location 5-10 minutes before the designated start time
- Join HH and other volunteers on a farm for 1-3 hours
- Includes 10 minute safety and harvest training led by HH staff
- Handwashing stations available
- Bathrooms may be available
- Please wear a bright orange bandana for our farmers benefit! (HH can provide)



Gleaning Health and Wellness Policy

Be mindful of your own and others' health and wellness on our trips– please don't attend if you're feeling unwell!

We are dedicated to providing for our friends, families, and neighbors in need and we take our responsibility to the people we work with very seriously. Let's keep each other healthy and safe!





THANK YOU!

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