



Salvation Farms 2012 Annual Report

Our mission is to build increased resilience in Vermont's food system through agricultural surplus management.



Bob Chappelle shares a preview of his 2012 harvest.



Our 2012 Activities



We received our federal non-profit status.

After eight years in the making, the first edition printing of the Vermont Fresh Handbook resulted in 160 copies donated to food access sites statewide. A second printing has resulted in the sale of 75 copies.

We began Vermont Commodity Program lightly processed product development through a contract with Green Mountain College.

The Department of Corrections contracted Salvation Farms to develop a potato raw packing project at the Southeast State Correctional Facility as part of our Vermont Commodity Program development and to offer support as needed to their on-site garden.

We advised the Rutland Area Farm & Food Link in refining operations and increasing the impact of their gleaning initiative.



What a marvelous year 2012 was in the continuous evolution of Salvation Farms. From a modest start almost ten years ago as a pilot at Pete's Greens farm in Craftsbury, we received our federal non-profit corporation status from the IRS in May and ran our first payroll in July. Wow – this has all been a long time coming...

Embarking with collaborative partners across our small but strong state to build a unique and innovative system of management practices that reduce fresh food waste on Vermont farms and lessen our dependence on food from afar to feed some of our most vulnerable populations has been such a rewarding adventure. From a cross-country research trip in the fall of 2011 to the recent success of working with inmates at the Southeast State Correctional Facility – the foundation of our programs is being laid and the partnerships to build the Salvation Farms' vision are forming.

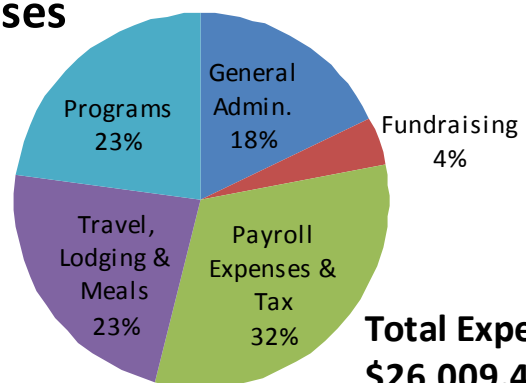
As we enter 2013 we are eager to continue increasing exposure to in-season regionally produced crops and the consumption of these crops by Vermont residence that often lack access to such fresh and nutrient rich foods.

Stay with us as we build a more food sovereign Vermont.

Theresa Snow
Executive Director

Susan Bartlett
Board President

Expenses



**Total Expenses
\$26,009.44**

Thank you for your support!

New England Grassroots Environment Fund
 Merchant's Bank Foundation
 Ben & Jerry's Foundation

America's Gardening Resource
 Applecheek Farm
 Arco Iris Imports
 Area Agency on Aging for NE VT
 Beadniks
 Budgetools, LLC

Butternut Mountain Farm
 Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Inc.
 Caledonia Spirits Inc.

Chosen Garden
 Concept 2, Inc.
 Custom Sportswear, Inc.
 Denton Auto Inc.

Fedco Seeds
 Flack Family Farm
 Hunger Mountain Co-op
 Laraway Youth & Family Services
 Levesque Insurance Agency

LittleTree Builders
 Manosh Properties, LLC
 Poulin Lumber
 Rock Art Brewery

Sargent & McKinney
 Someday Farm
 Tuberville, Inc.

University of Vermont
 Vermont Hydroponic Produce LLC
 Vermont's Local Banquet
 Woodbury/Calais Food Shelf

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 Christina Goodwin
 Cilla Bonnie-Smith
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 Heidi Cooperstein

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Rob Maynard
 Roger & Marge Blocks
 Sam & Lorna Guy

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 Susan Houston
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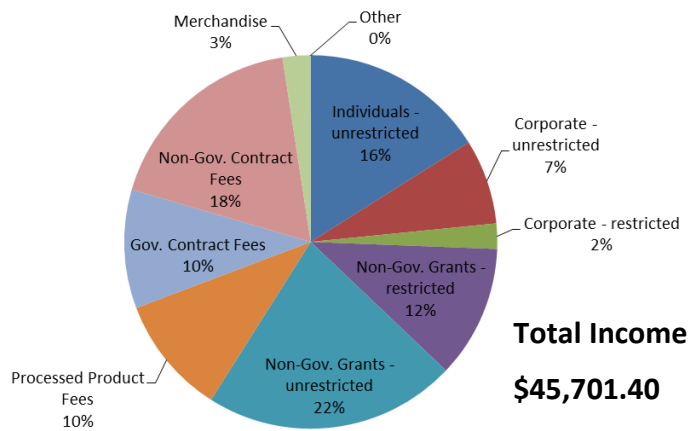


9 workdays engaged 14 inmates to clean and grade 16.6 tons of donated potatoes resulting in 31,290 lbs. (90,000+ servings) packed for donation to the Vermont Foodbank

42 volunteers gleaned and lightly processed 8 different crops donated from 13 farms in 170 hours resulting in more than 7,460 servings of frozen Vermont farm surplus for donation to food access sites for product testing.



Income Diversification



"It's really a big win for the department and the guys that are in our custody to see that you can do things that are really productive, give back to the community and feel pretty darn good about it," Pallito said. "Around this time of year when so many families are faced with hunger, these potatoes are going to go right on the table of some people who really, really need it, who would otherwise have access to very limited food products." - The Associated Press

From the Vermont Department of Corrections Commissioner, Andy Pallito about the potato project, a pilot of our Vermont Commodity Program at the Southeast State Correctional Facility.

To our partners, Thank You! Black River Produce, Chappelle's Potatoes, Green Mountain College, Harlow Farm, Our Place Drop-In Center, Post Oil Solutions, RAFFL, Sterling College, Tuberville, Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont Offender Work Program.