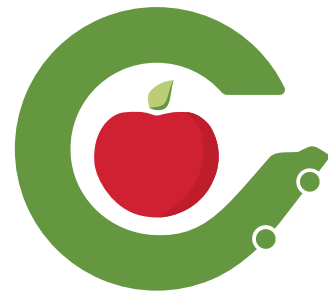


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KENTUCKY



**Celebrating Ten Years of
Nourishing the Commonwealth**

Our Produce Sources

Farms, orchards, grocery stores, gardeners and farmers markets donate excess fresh produce.



40%
of Food

Produced in the
United States
is Never Eaten

We've gleaned
produce from **143**
sources since our
work began in 2010.

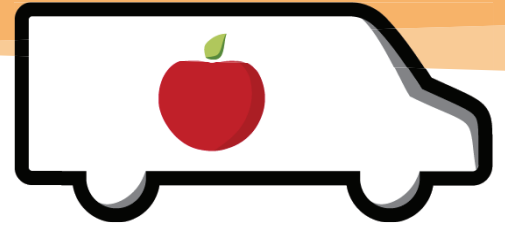
Since 2010, our work of diverting produce from
landfills has prevented **281 metric tons** of
carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere.
That's equivalent to the work done by **37 acres of
forest** during that same time.



We've rescued over
\$3,000,000
worth of fresh produce
since 2010.

Our Gleaners

Volunteer gleaners are the vital link between produce and our neighbors who need it most.



1,860,448 Pounds

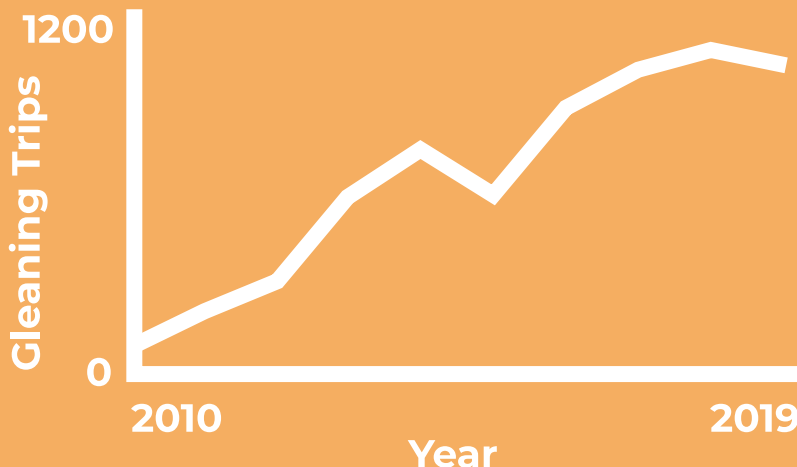
Gleaned All-Time, Since 2010

6,800+

Gleaning Trips
Made by

1,000+

Unique Volunteer
Gleaners Since 2010

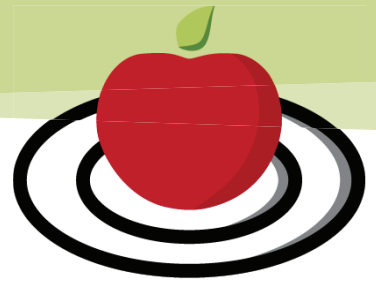


Since 2010, the
number of yearly
gleaning trips we
make has increased
by over

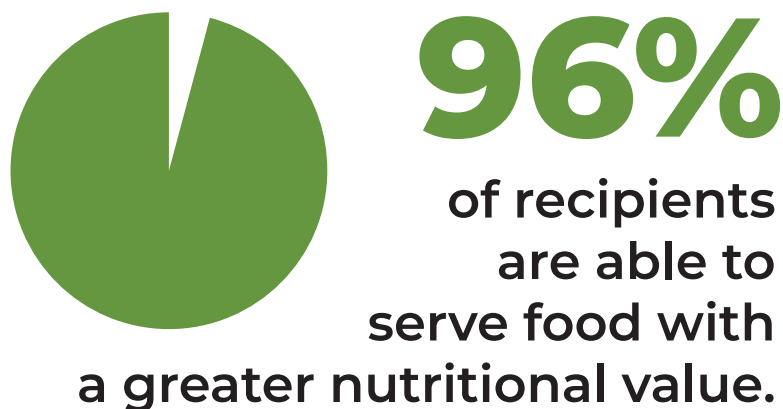
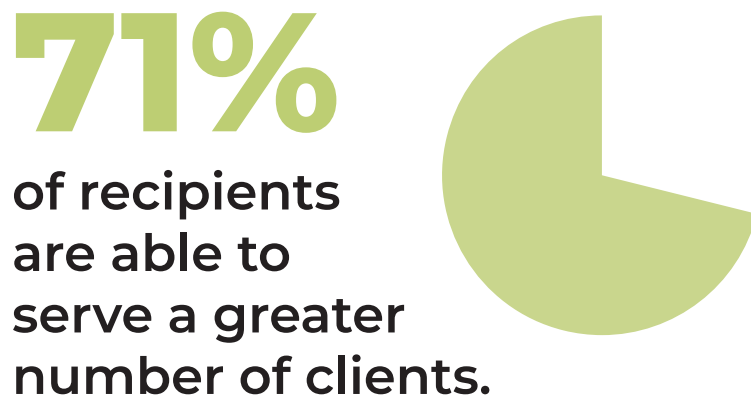
1,200%

Our Recipients

Our network of recipients ensure produce reaches over 30,000 food-insecure Kentuckians each year.



The Impact of Gleaned Produce



One in Seven
Kentuckians is
Food Insecure



Since 2010, we've delivered produce to 235 recipients - backpack programs, churches, resource centers, neighborhood drop-offs, and more - across Kentucky.



Our Community Supporters

In 2010, we raised over \$1,800 from 7 people.
In 2019, we raised over \$75,000 from 354 people.

41x

Increase in Funds
Raised from Individual Donors

50x

Increase in
Unique Donors

Top Three Reasons Our Donors Support Glean Kentucky:

1. Our impact on food waste
2. Our impact on hunger
3. Our grassroots model

We have support from
donors in 26 states, as well
as Washington, D.C., Guam,
Canada, and Norway.

As We Celebrate Ten Years of Gleaning, We Thank Our Community Supporters:



Our 2020
Bluegrass Partner



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United Way
of the Bluegrass



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Foundation



It started with a need, a Rolodex, and a perfectly ripe idea.

When this organization was formed, gleaning was a relatively novel idea. In some ways, it still is. But that's OK. Because we know that it works.

Over 2,000 years ago, poor neighbors gleaned leftover farm crops as a matter of custom. As we all know, our world still has poor neighbors: 1 out of every 7 fellow Kentuckians is food insecure. Hearing about cities where gleaning was successful, one of our founders became convinced the concept would work here. Two other founders enthusiastically agreed. Those few, (one with a Rolodex of contacts that wouldn't quit!) helped form Glean Kentucky in 2010.

The job? Gather excess produce from farms and grocers, bring it to nonprofits that feed hungry people, and help stop food waste.

Pound by pound, it worked within one year. The first goal to glean 10,000 pounds became 37,000. The idea proved itself as thousands of dollars of fresh fruits and vegetables began reaching families who couldn't afford them. Everyone worked hard as more farms and grocers signed up, more gleaners volunteered to gather and move produce from point A to point B, and more soup kitchens, food pantries, and other nonprofits became recipients.

This is what it looks like:

A working little old green truck left an orchard after 2 hours with 400 pounds of apples and the 2 women who harvested every ounce. Things worked out when a few gleaners sent to pick up 150 watermelons or so returned with 3,200 pounds. Compassion and gratitude click into place every time one of over 500 gleaners harvests under a Kentucky sun, packs box after box of squash, or delivers ripe fruit to waiting recipients.

Boxes of strawberries worked just fine for the man who answered a local mission door with, "Well, I guess we're having strawberry shortcake tonight." But at a church kitchen somewhere else, a single post it note on the refrigerator reminded us that as a community, we could do better. The scribbled note read, Spaghetti sauce + Pasta. The only food on hand to feed hungry people that day.

Values help us work together. From the beginning, it was decided that everything collected would be donated and nothing received would be diverted for money. On a morning at a downtown corner market, a box of vegetables was delivered to its usual spot: away from food that's sold. By the time the second box was placed, the first one was almost empty. People knew that at 10 am, on that day of the week, a dependable resource would be there.

We're working to include every Kentuckian, in every Kentucky county who needs healthy food. Over 140 farmers, grocers and gardeners now give fresh fruits and vegetables to hungry families: that's over 1.8 million pounds so far. And 235 recipient organizations and sites across Central Kentucky are now our partners.

Relying on seasons of the year restores our gratitude, empathy and commitment. Grown from a scrappy grassroots effort known to only a few in Lexington to a well-respected organization across the state, Glean Kentucky thanks you. No matter what the future, we all have these 10 years. It's been good.

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