

Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program



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Each year, millions of pounds of food go unharvested on farms across the U.S., while many people face food insecurity. The Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program (VAFAP) provides grants to charitable food organizations, helping them cover the costs for farmers to harvest, process, and donate their surplus crops to local food banks and similar groups. **With VAFAP, excess food reaches those in need instead of going to waste, and farmers make additional sales.**

2023 SUCCESS & IMPACTS



\$600,000 in state funds allocated each year



1,356,000 lbs of food distributed



43 Virginia farmers and producers supported



700,000 + food insecure Virginians impacted



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ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED

Increasing grant funds to \$1.5 million per year (+\$900k) would allow the state to boost program impact, reach more growers, reduce food waste, and improve access to quality nutrition.

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The Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program (VAFAP)

Estimates suggest that billions of pounds of food go unharvested in America's fields each year. The Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program provides grants to charitable food organizations to reimburse farmers for costs associated with harvesting, processing, packaging, or transporting Virginia agriculture products donated to local charitable food assistance organizations.

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