

Get Involved with The Gleaners



Volunteer

Sign up or schedule a group service day at bostonareagleaners.org

Donate crops

If you are a farmer, contact our Gleaning Program Manager: dylan@bostonareagleaners.org

Receive fresh produce

Pantries & other agencies, contact our Distribution Program Manager: matt@bostonareagleaners.org

Looking for other ways to support our work? Email development@bostonareagleaners.org

www.bostonareagleaners.org
240 Beaver St. Waltham, MA 02452
(781) 894-3212

Support Us: Make a Donation

Help us rescue healthy produce for individuals and families in need.

Each \$1 donated allows us to glean and distribute 8+ servings of high-quality produce.



To donate by mail, send checks payable to Boston Area Gleaners to:

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To donate online, visit bostonareagleaners.org/donate



**Harvesting
for the Hungry
since 2004**

The Dual Problems of Wasted Food & Hunger



Farming is unpredictable, so farmers plant extra to ensure they will have enough produce to sell throughout the year. When crops flourish, farmers might not be able to sell all of the food.

Up to 20% of the food grown on farms is never harvested. Many farmers would donate this surplus, but cannot afford the labor to harvest and distribute it.



At the same time, **nearly 1 in 10 MA residents struggles to access nutritious food.** Agencies serving people in need cannot always afford the cost of providing fresh produce, even though it is a necessary part of the human diet.

What We Do

To reduce hunger and waste, we partner with farms wishing to donate surplus produce. We mobilize volunteers of all ages and abilities to **glean (harvest) high-quality fruits and vegetables from these local farms.** We then distribute the fresh food within a network of over 500 pantries, food banks, meal programs, and low-income markets.



Gleaning Is Growing

We work with just 70 of the 1,000+ fruit and vegetable farms in eastern MA. There is **enormous potential** to expand our work and deepen our impact on the local food system. **Our goal is to triple our capacity to glean** so that we can rescue one million pounds of fresh produce every single year.

Volunteer with Us



Get to know your local farms and support your neighbors in need by harvesting surplus crops.

- Volunteer as an individual, or schedule a service workday for your company, school, or organization.
- Harvest a variety of high-quality fruits and vegetables for food-insecure families.
- Gleaning trips are 2-4 hours long.
- Volunteers are needed weekends and weekdays between June and January.
- No experience required.

