



Local Farmers Donate 10,000 Pounds of Fresh Produce to Island Harvest Food Bank

— Donation coincided with New York Farm Bureau's Board of Director's Summer Meeting on Long Island —

LONG ISLAND, NY — August 16, 2022 — Farmers from across New York state and Long Island took to the fields recently to pick and pack 10,000 pounds of locally grown fresh produce to donate to [Island Harvest Food Bank](#) to provide food insecure Long Islanders with fresh, healthy food options. The event took place at Deer Run Farms in Brookhaven, NY, in conjunction with the [New York Farm Bureau's](#) board of directors' summer meeting hosted by the [Long Island Farm Bureau](#).

Participating Long Island farms included Bayview Farms & Market, Deer Run Farms, Fink's Country Farms, Martin Sidor Farms, Inc., Rottkamp Brothers Farms, Lenny Bruno Farms, and Lewin Farms.

Numerous studies show that food insecure people often face chronic health issues, including diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and other conditions. Island Harvest is at the forefront of supplying healthier food choices for Long Islanders facing hunger and food insecurity. The donation by the region's farmers will help the food bank put healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables on the tables of people in need across Long Island.

About Island Harvest Food Bank

[Island Harvest Food Bank](#) is a leading human services organization whose mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. We accomplish this through innovative programs and services aimed at enhanced hunger awareness, short-term case management, nutrition education, outreach and advocacy initiatives, a Workforce Skills Development Institute and efficient food collection and distribution. Our work directly supports children, families, seniors, and veterans who turn to us in times of crisis and supports a network of 300 community-based nonprofit organizations. Island Harvest Food Bank is a member of Feeding America®, a nationwide network of food banks leading the fight against hunger in the U.S. To learn more, visit www.islandharvest.org.

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Photo caption: Randi Shubin Dresner, president & CEO of Island Harvest Food Bank, recently joined with farmers from across the state in picking lettuce and other produce as part of local grower's donation of 10,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables to benefit Long Islanders in need. *Photo by Island Harvest Food Bank.*