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DOC Institutions donate 58,494 pounds of produce in 2010



Food pantries throughout Missouri were the recipients of more than 58,494 pounds of produce grown by offenders at Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions in 2010. Produce is grown at 18 of the 21 correctional centers throughout the state as part of the DOC’s Restorative Justice Program.

Jefferson City Correctional Center (JCCC) donated 12,609 pounds of produce to the Jefferson City First United Methodist Church Food Pantry. The correctional facility also donated 12,049 pounds to the Salvation Army Center for Hope Shelter and 2,355 pounds to the Samaritan Center. The produce included: tomatoes, bell peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, butternut squash, cucumbers, carrots, green beans, cantaloupe and watermelon. Mark Dumas, the assistant pastor at the Jefferson City First United Methodist Church Food Pantry, said without JCCC’s donation his pantry would not have had fresh produce to give out.

“It (the donated produce) pretty much doubled what was available to hand out to folks,” Dumas said. “Having fresh produce really enhanced what we were able to offer.”

Dumas said his pantry distributed the produce during the months of July, August and September. The assistant pastor said he personally picked up the produce on Mondays at JCCC and then distributed it to needy families on Tuesdays.

“In about an hour we would hand out about 1,000 pounds of produce,” he said. “Having the produce this year really made a difference.”

Dumas said the clientele at his pantry jumped about 30 percent this year. He said this was the first year the food pantry partnered with the DOC.

Southeast Correctional Center (SECC) in Charleston donated 4,425 pounds of produce this year to four different non-profit organizations. Troy McCulloch, a recreation officer at SECC, said his institution has had an offender garden since 2001. He said the garden encompasses about two to three acres of ground at the correctional center.

“We start cultivating the food plots in April,” he said. “There are 10-15 offenders who work the garden at any given time. They work hard and take a lot of pride in what the food plots produce. We typically harvest it in late July and it can continue to produce as late as November, depending on the weather.”

McCulloch said the seeds and plants that go into the garden are donated by local businesses. Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green donated 7,323 pounds of produce to the Hope Center. Warden Doug Prudden said the institution has two vegetable gardens the offenders maintain.

“These gardens are worked entirely by offenders who wish to volunteer their efforts towards giving back to the community,” Prudden said. “They tend these gardens diligently throughout the year. More than 7,000



pounds of food was raised and donated this year. The good that was done for both the community and the offenders, however, was too great to be measured.”

Offenders who help with the food plots receive Restorative Justice hours. Restorative Justice programs give offenders an opportunity to give back to the community in an effort to help heal some of the harm they have caused.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount Of Produce</u>	<u>Where Produce Was Donated</u>
Boonville Correctional Center	326 pounds	Harvest House Food Bank
Chillicothe Correctional Center	342 pounds	House of Prayer
Crossroads Correctional Center	200 pounds	Cameron Food Bank
Cremier Therapeutic Community Center	344 pounds	SERVE, Inc.
ERDCC-Bonne Terre	250 pounds	SEMO Family Viol. Council
Farmington Correctional Center	807 pounds	St. Fran. Co. Ministerial Alliance
Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center	1,461 pounds	SERVE Calloway County
Jefferson City Correctional Center	2,335 pounds	Samaritan Center
Jefferson City Correctional Center	12,049 pounds	Salvation Army Center Pantry
Jefferson City Correctional Center	12,608 pounds	First United Methodist Church Pantry
Moberly Correctional Center	290 pounds	Moberly Senior Citizens
Moberly Correctional Center	112 pounds	Family Life Fellowship Food Bank
Maryville Treatment Center	163 pounds	Autumn House
Maryville Treatment Center	172 pounds	Senior Center
Maryville Treatment Center	406 pounds	Sheltered Workshop
Maryville Treatment Center	1,068 pounds	Hope Center
Northeast Correctional Center	4,739 pounds	Hope Center
Northeast Correctional Center	1,516 pounds	Hope Center
Potosi Correctional Center	1,695 pounds	MSU-Sayers Senior Center, Potosi Presbyterian Food Bank
Potosi Correctional Center	900 pounds	Sayers Senior Center
South Central Correctional Center	295.2 pounds	Texas County Food Pantry
Southeast Correctional Center	4,425 pounds	Charleston Nutrition Center, East Prairie Nutrition Center, Sikeston Nutrition Center, East Prairie Schools
WERDCC-Vandalia	659 pounds	Countryside Nursing Home
WERDCC-Vandalia	309 pounds	Tri-County Nursing
WERDCC-Vandalia	632 pounds	Vandalia Food Pantry
WERDCC-Vandalia	56 pounds	Rainbow House
WERDCC-Vandalia	7 pounds	Sol House
WERDCC-Vandalia	502 pounds	Vandalia Senior Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	246 pounds	Perry Nutrition Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	11 pounds	Center Food Pantry
WERDCC-Vandalia	287 pounds	Help Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	142 pounds	Pike Pioneer Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	141 pounds	Hannibal Nutrition Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	209 pounds	Douglas Community Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	20 pounds	Paris Nutrition Center
WERDCC-Vandalia	139 pounds	Miller Assisted Living
WERDCC-Vandalia	20 pounds	Countryview Nursing Home
Western Missouri Correctional Center	6,461 pounds	Cameron Food Pantry
Western Missouri Correctional Center	40 pounds	Quails Run Nursing Home
Western Missouri Correctional Center	416 pounds	Cameron Women’s Shelter
Western Missouri Correctional Center	88 pounds	Maysville Food Pantry
WDCC-St. Joseph	1,606 pounds	Second Harvest Food Bank