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## Food and Nutrition Programs

Healthy Acadia's Food and Nutrition Programs address food insecurity across Hancock and Washington Counties.

We work to increase the amount of nutritious food that is available, making healthy food the easy choice.

In conjunction with gleaning, we also coordinate nutrition education, Farmers' Markets For All, federal benefit outreach programs, and work with our schools.

Together with UMaine Cooperative Extension we serve the eighteen food pantries and community meal sites operating in Hancock County.

In 2014 the Gleaning Initiative has expanded to Washington County with the common goals of food waste prevention, increased food security, and community outreach and education.

## Get in Touch!

For more information on how to get involved in gleaning projects, or to request gleaning, contact:



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# The Gleaning Initiative



Preventing food waste, supporting the local food system, and tackling food access in Downeast Maine



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## What is Gleaning

Gleaning is the act of collecting quality food that would otherwise go to waste.



Picture taken at the Food for All Community Meal in Bar Harbor (By Robert Bukaty-[BDN.com](http://BDN.com))

Our goal is to solve immediate social needs, while also being stewards of our environment, and supporting the sustainable growth of the local economy.

Gleaning initiatives worldwide are demonstrating that food rescue efforts can become catalyzers of change

We work to provide more nutritious locally grown options for community food security organizations.

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## What We Do

Food producers and retailers are inevitably burdened with the question of what to do with their surplus and seconds; good food they have not found a way to sell.

The Gleaning Initiative works primarily with farms that would like to donate produce, connecting them to innovative work exchange and seconds market opportunities, while providing coordination and logistics.

Trained gleaning teams are available throughout Hancock County to manage surplus food at farms, markets, and stores. Through gleaning systems, food producers, restaurants and retailers can establish lasting connections to their local community.



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## Our Partners

The Gleaning Initiative is coordinated by Healthy Acadia in partnership with UMaine Cooperative Extension.

In Hancock County we work with 18 community meal sites and food pantries across the region.

Through strategic partnerships with farms, non-profits, and local and regional food distribution we are defining gleaning as a long-term strategy for food security.

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