

# THE GLEANING INITIATIVE

Preventing food waste, supporting  
the local food system, and  
improving food access in Hancock  
and Washington Counties, Maine

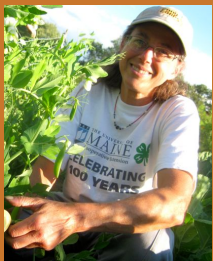


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## What is Gleaning?

Gleaning is the act of collecting quality food that would otherwise go to waste and redistributing it to food security organizations.

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 with farms and other businesses that would like to donate quality food, connecting them to innovative work exchange and market opportunities, while providing coordination and logistics to get the food to those who need it most.

Trained gleaning teams are available throughout the region to manage surplus food at farms, markets, and stores. Food producers, restaurants and retailers can establish lasting connections to their local community through these innovative gleaning systems.



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