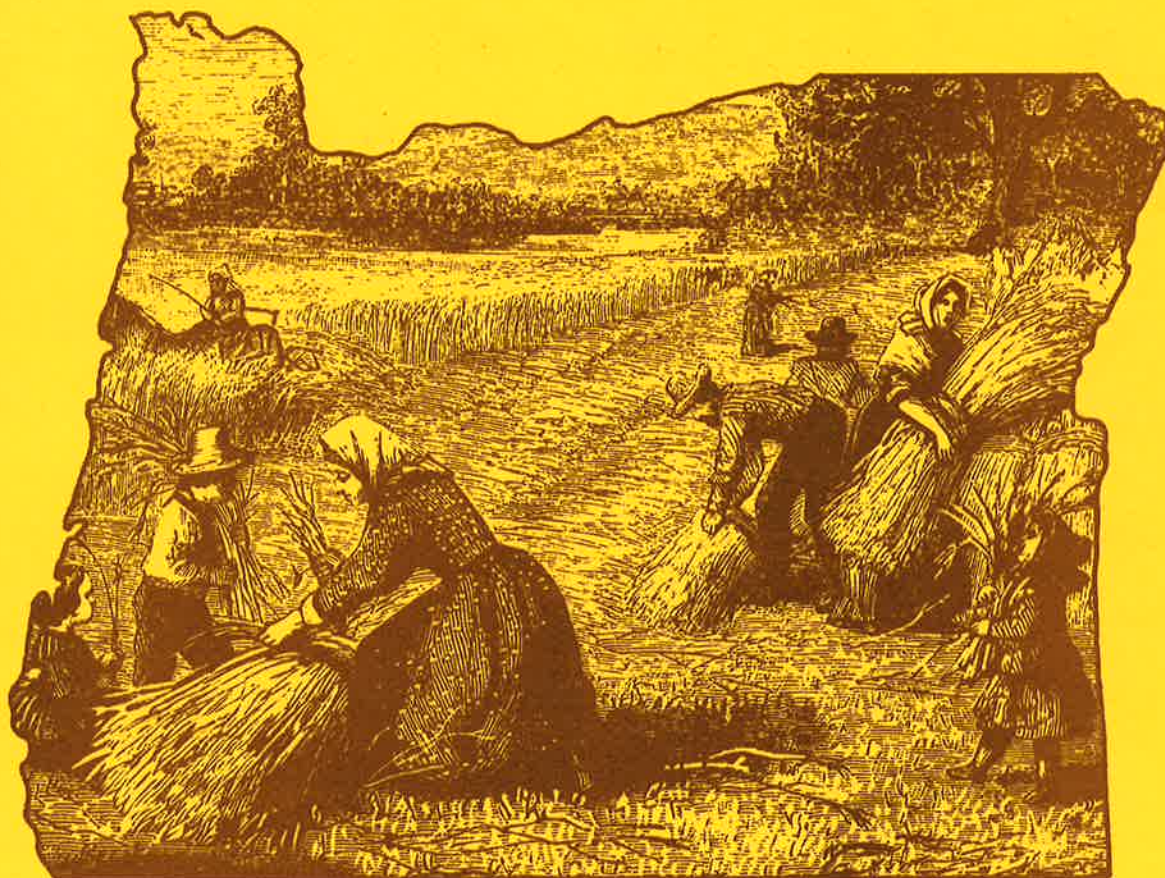
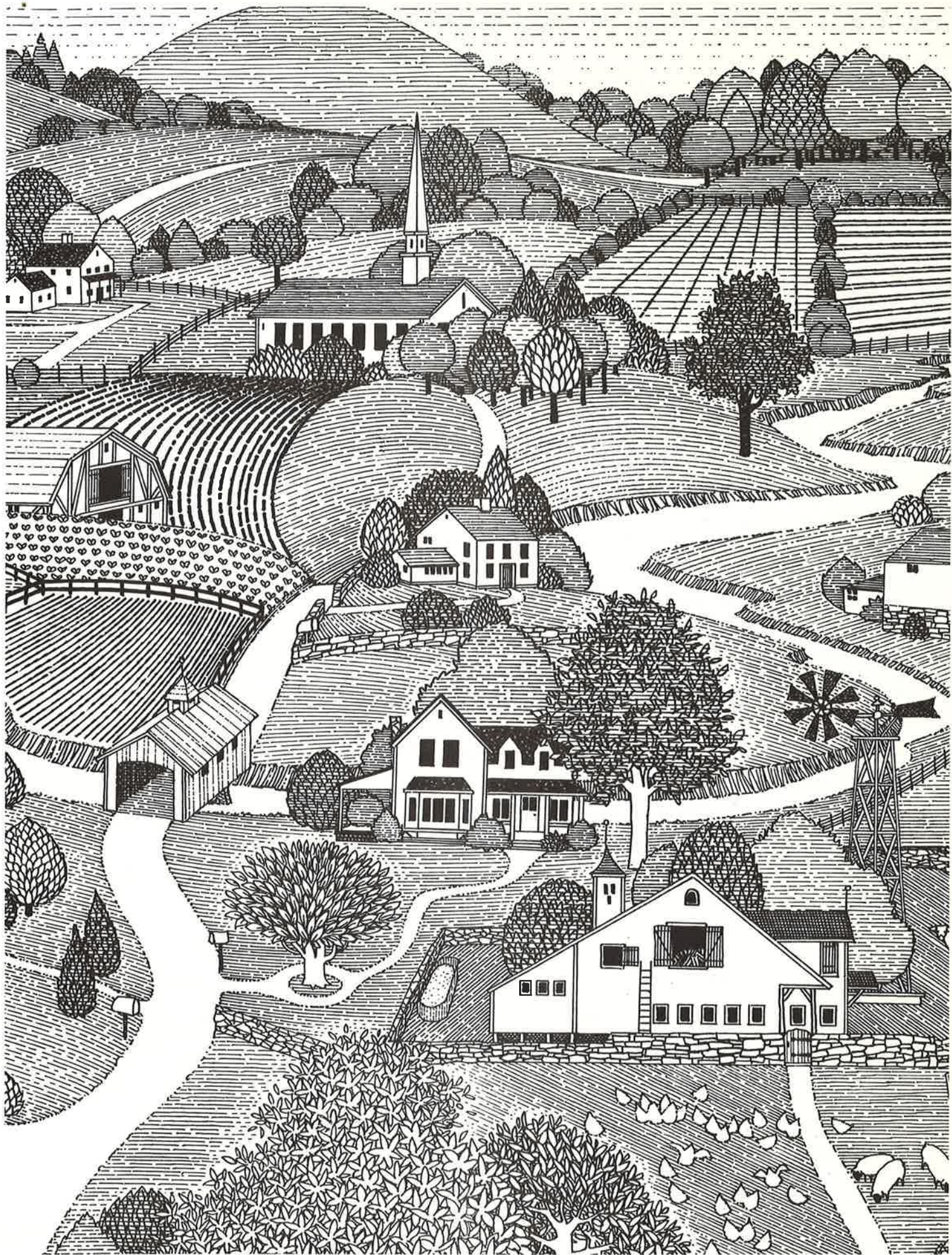
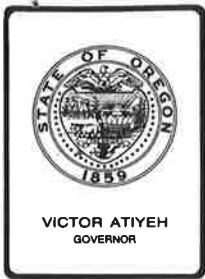


# OREGON GLEANNING PROJECTS



**REPORT  
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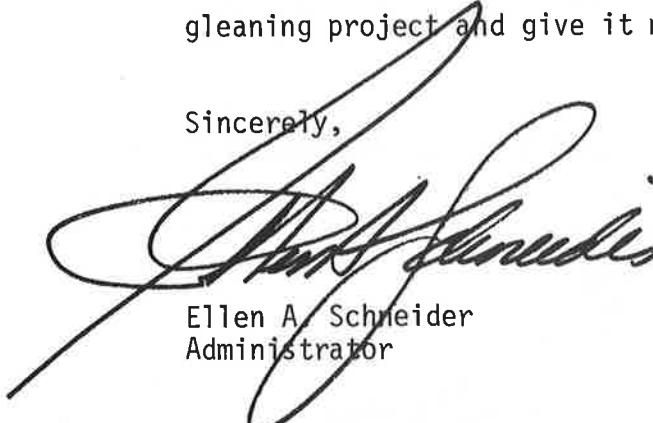
Dear Reader:

Gleaning has been active in Oregon since it began on a small volunteer basis in Washington County in 1972. It has grown to involve 13 agencies in projects resulting in 2,574,654 pounds of food gleaned in 1981 valued at \$998,403.31. The Oregon Gleaning Consortium was formed in 1978 to provide coordination among the agencies.

I am proud to say that Gleaning is one of the most successful of the local self-help projects that my agency, State Community Services Program, helps sponsor through the Community Food and Nutrition Program. The Gleaning program not only benefits the low-income Oregonians, who are able to take advantage of vast amounts of food at minimum cost, but also benefits the farmers, who receive tax credits for their contribution to the program.

The following report clearly shows the growth and success of this self-help program. I am very pleased to be a part of the gleaning project and give it my full support.

Sincerely,



Ellen A. Schneider  
Administrator

## **GLEANING**

**WHAT IS GLEANING?** Gleaning is the gathering and sharing of crops that remain after harvest. It has long been a means of preventing waste in the fields and providing families with fresh produce.

**WHERE DOES THIS FOOD COME FROM?** The food is donated by Oregon farmers and gardeners. Most produce comes from large commercial growers, who may apply for a state tax credit, which is based on the value of the donated produce. Food also comes from family gardeners whose green thumbs may produce more than the family can consume. These non-commercial gardeners can claim charitable donation based on the value of the donated produce.

**HOW IS THE FOOD GLEANED?** Low income persons and volunteers go to the fields in supervised groups to pick the excess crops. Advance arrangements are made with the growers by project coordinators.

**WHO DOES THE FOOD GO TO?** Low income people and over-income volunteers pick the produce for their own families and for "adoptees" who are physically unable to pick. Gleaned food is also distributed to a wide variety of non-profit organizations to supplement meal programs or meet emergency food needs.

## **PAST AND PRESENT**

The earliest mention of gleaning is the Biblical reference to Ruth as a gleaner. Gleaning has gone on informally throughout history, and today gleaning is a well-organized self-help program established in many parts of Oregon.

In 1972 Washington County Community Action organized the first federally funded gleaning project in Oregon. In 1976 five organized projects were gleaning; and as a result, more than 240,000 pounds of produce were gathered. In 1977 six projects gleaned more than 260,000 pounds of food. At the end of the 1978 growing season, eleven projects were involved in gleaning, gathering more than 338,000 pounds of food.

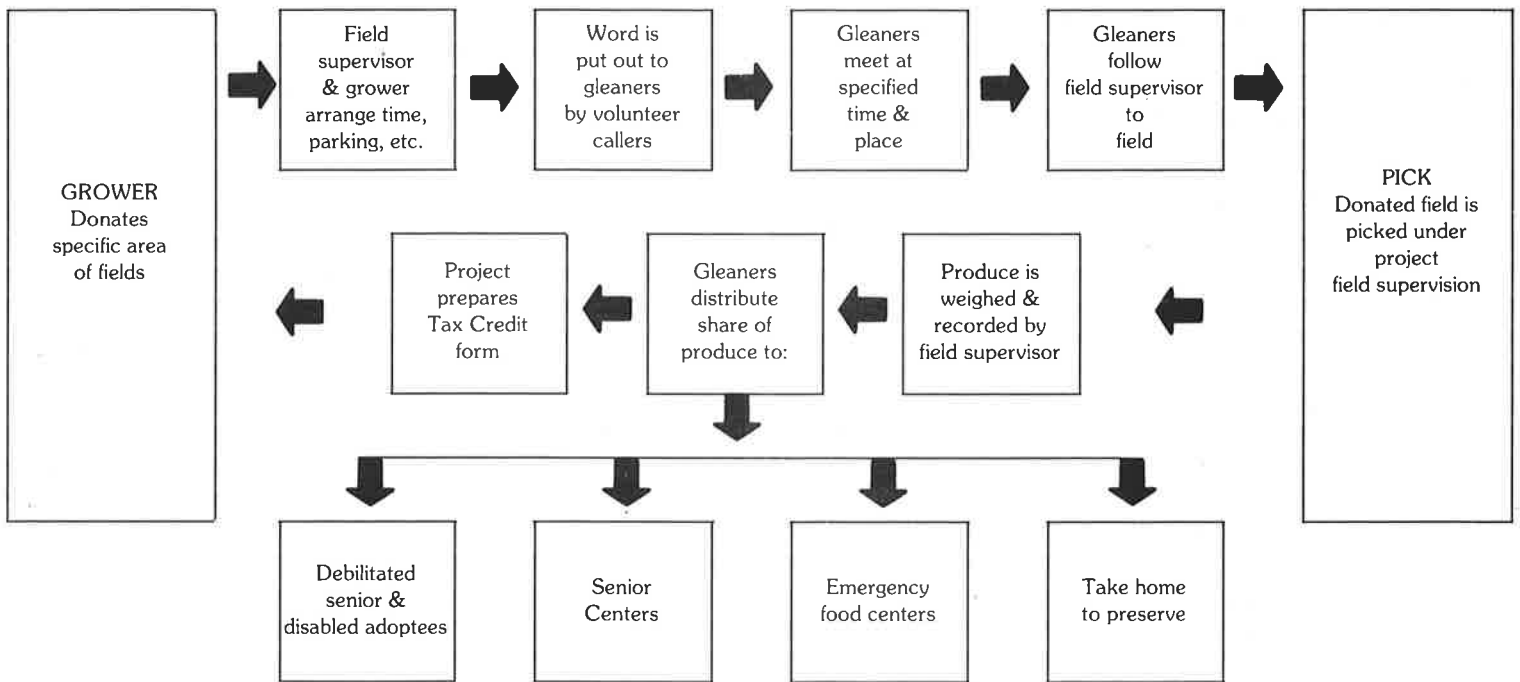
Because of the rapid growth of gleaning in Oregon, the gleaning projects formed the Oregon Gleaning Consortium in 1978. The Consortium addresses needs such as publicity, statistics, legislation, and coordination.

Gleaning has been one of the most successful of the local self-help projects sponsored by Community Services Administration in Oregon through the Community Food and Nutrition Programs. The projects have benefitted low-income Oregonians in making available to them vast amounts of food at the cost of only their time and transportation to the fields. It has helped debilitated senior and handicapped citizens who receive a share of the food from able-bodied gleaners and volunteers. Since 1977 commercial growers have been eligible to apply for a 10 percent tax credit.

In the last two years, the gleaning projects have undergone major changes in their funding and organization. Cutbacks in agencies' budgets and the desire of gleaners to run their own projects are the major reasons the gleaning projects have obtained or are obtaining independent status. Projects that were once funded and run by Community Action Agencies now have tax-exempt status and are totally

or partially run by the gleaners themselves. Oregon Gleaners Incorporated, a gleaning project that originated at Portland Action Committees Together (PACT) and incorporated in 1980, was the first project to “spin-off” from a Community Action Agency. The rest of the projects in the Portland tri-county area soon followed OGI’s lead. As tax-exempt, non-profit corporations, the independent gleaning projects are still able to provide the 10 percent tax credit to commercial growers and the charitable deduction to backyard gardeners.

The following chart illustrates the typical procedures used in gleaning.



## 1981 BACKYARD POUNDAGE

<b>CROP</b>	<b>JAN.-MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUG.</b>	<b>SEPT.</b>	<b>OCT.</b>
Apples	5160		1765	6337	3228	2571
Apricots			197	40		
Asparagus	13					
Beans, Green			17	32	129	5
Beans, Shell						80
Beets	20		18	12	357	3
Blackberries				111		
Blueberries						
Broccoli				15	1182	
Brussel Sprouts						
Cabbage				200	12	12
Carrots				30	11	60
Cauliflower						
Celery						
Cherries		160	1660	40		
Corn					24	
Cucumbers			70	464.5	548.5	25
Eggplant				15	13	
Elderberries						
Evergreenberries						
Filberts						882
Garlic						
Gooseberries		39				
Grapes				67	1216	344
Lettuce			95	269	120	
Loganberries						
Marionberries						
Melons					237	
Onions				3000		3
Peaches						
Pears				761	695	668
Peas		26				
Peppers				51	77	15
Plums/Prunes			2136	2494	2567	876
Potatoes	300		46	120	867	68
Pumpkins	45					18.75
Radishes				21	72	200
Raspberries			90			
Rhubarb	157			72	7	25
Rutabaga						
Squash	100	215	525	735	779	118
Strawberries						
Tomatoes	12			132	870.5	538
Turnips						
Walnuts						180
Miscellaneous	803		430	21	100	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6610</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>7049</b>	<b>15,039.5</b>	<b>13,112</b>	<b>6,691.75</b>

## AND VALUE TABLE

NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	AVERAGE U-PICK PRICE		AVERAGE IN-STORE PRICE	
			Price/lb.	Total	Price/lb.	Total
947		20,008	.20	\$4001.60	.49	\$9803.92
		237	.29	68.73	.59	139.93
		13	.49	6.37	.89	11.57
8.5		191.5	.20	38.30	.59	112.99
		80	.20	16.00	.59	47.20
20		430	.25	107.50	.39	167.70
		111	.15	16.65	.99	109.89
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		1197	.25	299.25	.49	586.53
		—				
28	515	767	.15	115.05	.39	299.13
299		400	.20	80.00	.29	116.00
	593	593	.25	148.25	.39	231.27
		—				
		1860	.40	744.00	1.29	2399.40
		24	.10	2.40	.25	6.00
37		1145	.15	171.75	.29	332.05
		28	.20	5.60	.39	10.92
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		—				
20		902	.65	586.30	1.69	1524.38
		—				
		39	.29	11.31	.49	19.11
	100	1727	.29	500.83	.59	1018.33
		484	.29	140.36	.49	237.16
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		—				
		237	.20	47.40	.39	92.43
11.5		3014.5	.10	301.45	.39	1175.66
		—				
		2124	.20	424.80	.49	1040.76
		26	.25	6.50	.49	12.74
		143	.40	57.20	.69	97.24
29		8102	.10	810.20	.25	2025.50
328		1729	.10	172.90	.13	224.77
180		243.75	.09	21.94	.12	29.25
		293	.05	14.65	.10	29.30
		90	.60	54.00	.49	44.10
		261	.40	104.40	.59	153.99
		—				
245		2717	.25	679.25	.49	131.33
		—				
25		1577.5	.25	394.38	.59	930.73
		—				
223		403	.39	157.17	.79	318.37
		1354	.10	135.40	.29	392.66
2,401	1208	52,551.75		\$10,341.89		\$23,872.31

## 1981 COMMERCIAL POUNDAGE

<b>CROP</b>	<b>JAN.-MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUG.</b>	<b>SEPT.</b>	<b>OCT.</b>
Apples		338	2368	9538	6658	56799
Apricots			203			
Asparagus	15					
Beans, Green			2285	14830	3201	4807
Beans, Shell						
Beets	20		2090	25	173	16
Blackberries				2234	325	
Blueberries			1	3188	3190	
Bok Choy				4	5	
Broccoli			55	7801	11729	279
Brussel Sprouts				1		2500
Cabbage				6122	369	15093
Carrots			4594	2092	178	984
Cauliflower				7	11	650
Celery				2	23	350
Cherries		1742	21163	601		
Corn			21	10777	30428	4221
Cucumbers			29	12760	31081	11749
Eggplant			5	71	162	305
Elderberries					45	
Evergreenberries				3421		
Filberts						1372
Garlic			2		2	84
Grapes				1	11	624
Lettuce				94	1321	
Loganberries		305	8585	339		
Marionberries			4472	2308		
Melons				18800	1165	578
Onions			978	2622	10193	3
Peaches			3152	3129	1904	1474
Pears	2600		442	4515	26222	750
Peas		898	131	3000	1	
Peppers			1	86	363	814
Plums/Prunes				11919	56806	3051
Potatoes			20	3075	12947	75
Pumpkins						4810
Radishes					5	
Raspberries			6370	655		
Rhubarb			3424			
Rutabaga				1		
Squash			3683	2754	4695	6217
Strawberries		1742	29718	9		
Sweet Potatoes						2089
Tomatoes			6	10463	7479	4433
Turnips	1000					500
Walnuts						58
Miscellaneous		50	206	902	16	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>5,075</b>	<b>94,004</b>	<b>138,146</b>	<b>210,708</b>	<b>124,6855</b>



## AND VALUE TABLE

NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	AVERAGE U-PICK PRICE		AVERAGE IN-STORE PRICE	
			Price/lb.	Total	Price/lb.	Total
13724	257	89682	.20	\$17,936.40	.49	\$43,944.18
		203	.29	58.87	.59	119.77
		15	.49	7.35	.89	13.35
		25123	.20	5,024.60	.59	14,822.57
3111		3111	.20	622.20	.59	1,835.49
250		2574	.25	643.50	.39	1,003.86
		2559	.15	383.85	.99	2533.41
		6379	.65	4,416.35	1.10	7,016.90
		9	.25	2.25	.59	5.31
748		20612	.25	5040.50	.49	10,099.88
2000		4501	.25	1,125.25	.59	2,655.59
1000		22,584	.15	3,387.60	.39	8,807.76
1000		8,848	.20	1,769.60	.29	2,565.92
5508		6176	.25	1544.00	.39	2,408.64
		375	.25	93.75	.49	183.75
		23,506	.40	9,402.40	1.29	30,322.74
		45,447	.10	4,544.70	.25	11,361.75
		55,619	.15	8,342.85	.29	16,129.51
		543	.20	108.60	.39	211.77
		45	.29	13.05	.59	26.55
		3421	.20	684.20	.35	1,197.35
477		1,849	.65	1,201.85	1.69	3,124.81
		88	.39	34.32	.69	60.72
3600		4,236	.29	1,228.44	.59	2,499.24
		1,415	.29	410.35	.49	693.35
		9229	.39	3,599.31	.69	6,368.01
		6,780	.29	1,966.20	.59	4,000.20
		20,543	.20	4,108.60	.39	8,011.77
424		14,220	.10	1,422.00	.39	5,545.80
700	1200	11,559	.25	2,889.75	.49	5,663.91
40		34,569	.20	6,913.80	.49	16,938.81
		4,030	.25	1,007.50	.49	1,974.70
		1,264	.40	505.60	.69	872.16
119		71,895	.10	7,189.50	.25	17,973.75
5431		21,548	.10	2,154.80	.13	2,801.24
6450		11,260	.09	1,013.40	.12	1,351.20
		5	.05	.25	.10	.50
		7,025	.60	4,215.00	.49	3,442.25
		3,424	.40	1,369.60	.59	2,020.16
500		501	.20	100.20	.39	195.39
10488	400	28,237	.25	7,059.25	.49	13,836.13
		31,469	.29	9,126.01	.59	18,566.71
		2,089	.15	313.35	.33	689.37
1630		24,011	.25	6,002.75	.59	14,166.49
1000		2,500	.29	725.00	.39	975.00
3300		3,358	.39	1,309.62	.79	2,652.82
		1,174	.10	117.40	.29	340.46
61,500	1,857	639,610		\$130,865.42		\$292,031.00

## GLEANING PROJECT

## POUNDS

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Commercial Pounds</b>	<b>Backyard Pounds</b>
Blue Mountain .....	157,817	146,300	11,517
Jackson County .....	77,458	65,683	7,557
OGI .....	73,240	81,217	5,682
VGNWO .....	42,201	39,801	2,400
Yamhill County .....	20,506	20,506	
Food Bank .....	114,208	114,208	
Mid-Willamette Valley .....	159,696	156,566	3,130
Mid-Columbia Gleaners .....	34,438	34,438	
Wasco & Sherman Counties .....	1,668	1,668	
Washington County .....	81,252	69,632	11,620
GOCC Inc. ....	60,301	53,716	6,585
Gleaners & Gatherers .....	1,750,000	1,750,000	
CATCO .....	1,869	1,869	
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,574,654</b>	<b>2,533,735</b>	<b>50,360</b>



**DONORS****PICKS****DISTRIBUTION & SALVAGE**

# Commercial Donors	# Backyard Donors	# Picks	Active Gleaners	Total Households	Seniors	Handicapped	Salvage	Game & Fish
35	51	163	49	541	522	38		
10	43	140	134	223	91	20	4,218	
13	37	146	196	637	200	83	47,104	2,420
5	12	38	153	279	110	70	28,280	
13	2	29	55	212	103	55		
22							(967,213)	
38	12	140	251	553	220	35	600	
18	15	22	62	89	38	10	300	307
28	35	123	123	545	173	33	30,000	
28	22	62	70	554	113	90	40,000	
(10,000 people served)								
210	229	863	1,093	3,633	1,570	434	150,502	2,727

**FINAL SUMMARY**

		<b>Based on U-Pick Price</b>	<b>Based on In-Store Price</b>
Total Backyard Pounds	52,552	\$ 10,341.89	\$ 23,872.31
Total Commercial Pounds	639,610	130,865.42	292,031.00
Total Pounds Gleaners and Gatherers Lane County (Pounds Not Broken Down)	1,750,000	350,000	682,500
Food Bank Pounds Gleaned	114,208		
Miscellaneous Pounds	18,284		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,574,654</b>	<b>\$491,207.31</b>	<b>\$998,403.31</b>

The Gleaning Projects donated part of the produce that was gleaned to over 200 helping agencies. These include Loaves and Fishes, Medford Senior Center, Salvation Army, Molalla Service Center, Children's Services Division, several shelters for battered women, Burnside Community Council, and many other churches and organizations too numerous to fit on the page!

## PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Listed here are names, locations, and telephone numbers of Oregon sponsors involved in Gleaning Projects. Low-income people, senior citizens, handicapped persons, or anyone interested in finding out about the Gleaning Program, may call their local agency/sponsor for information.

Farmers who are interested in donating produce or those knowing of a farmer who may be interested in donating, please call the agency/sponsor in your areas.

1. Washington County Gleaning, Inc.  
205 E. Main, #13  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
Phone: 640-2733 or 648-6646
2. Marion-Polk Gleaners, Inc.  
(Mid-Willamette Valley)  
1270 Chemeketa N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
Phone: 585-6232
3. Mid-Columbia Community  
Action Council, Inc.  
200 E. Fourth Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 298-5131
4. Gleaners & Gatherers, Inc.  
1575 Horn Lane  
Eugene, OR 97404  
Phone: 689-7251
5. Oregon Gleaners, Inc. (OGI)  
2625 S.E. 15th  
Portland, OR 97202  
Phone: 233-2040
6. Interagency Food Bank  
718 W. Burnside  
Portland, OR 97209  
Phone: 223-1030
7. Gleaners of Clackamas County, Inc.  
(GOCCI)  
825 Portland Avenue  
Gladstone, OR 97027  
Phone: 655-8640
8. Volunteer Gleaners of Northwest Oregon  
(VGNWO)  
4420 S.E. 64th  
Portland, OR 97206  
Phone: 777-4761
9. Jackson County Gleaning Project  
343 N. Ivy  
Medford, OR 97501  
Phone: 779-5876
10. Blue Mountain Gleaning Project  
Hermiston Neighborhood Center  
215 Orchard Ave., CRC Bldg.  
Hermiston, OR 97838  
Phone: 567-6107
11. Yamhill County Gleaning  
734 N. Baker  
McMinnville, OR 97128  
Phone: 472-0457
12. Community Action Team  
of Columbia County (CATCO)  
351 Columbia Blvd.  
St. Helens, OR 97501  
Phone: 397-3511

Individual agencies and community groups in Oregon which sponsor Gleaning Projects have formed a statewide consortium. When possible, the members of the Oregon Gleaning Consortium share donated fields, which offer more produce to harvest than can be gathered and used by members of one agency.



## THANK YOU'S

We would like to express our gratitude to the many growers in Oregon who donated crops to the Gleaning Programs.

These donations ranged from a few pounds raised by family gardeners to very large donations from commercial growers who had produce left over after a harvest. This year's poundage included such commercial donations as 89,682 pounds of apples, 25,123 pounds of green beans,

45,447 pounds of corn, and 31,469 pounds of strawberries. Without these donations and the great cooperation from growers, there would be no Gleaning Program.



Since the Gleaning Program is a self-help program, each gleaner participating donated much of his/her time, gasoline, and canning and preserving skills to help themselves and their adoptees. They deserve thanks for helping make the program a success. A very special recognition goes to those gleaners who donated time as volunteer phone callers, car-pool drivers, and who performed other needed tasks.

This year we must include a special thanks to the volunteer coordinators of the gleaning projects. Using their leadership and organizational skills, the gleaners have successfully made the transition to independent status in many of the projects. This process has been difficult at times, but volunteers have fulfilled the self-help concept by working together to keep gleaning projects growing and successful.

The growers, gleaners, and volunteers all make our projects work and their continued participation is vital to our future successes.

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The Oregon Gleaning Projects

## GLEANING IN THE FUTURE

In its eight year history, organized gleaning has expanded from one project to more than fifteen throughout Oregon, improving the nutritional status of a growing number of people. The Oregon Gleaning Consortium, initiated in 1978, functions to facilitate cooperation, sharing, distribution, and publicity among projects. The Consortium also aims to jointly develop and utilize as fully as possible all food donations.

Since gleaning is basically a self-help project, many projects are working to involve gleaners directly in the operation, planning, and growth of their projects. One of the major efforts of the Consortium is the annual spring training that brings together gleaners from all over Oregon to share information and skills. Spring training usually covers everything from how to set up a gleaning project to fundraising, grant-writing, and resource development.

By its very nature, gleaning survives on grower donations. Recognizing this, the 1979 Oregon Legislative Session passed a bill to renew the State Income Tax Credit for Crop Donations. On the federal level, Oregon Representative Les AuCoin and Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield have each introduced bills providing federal tax benefits for crop donations. Passage of federal gleaning legislation would no doubt increase the number of donating growers. Tax benefits allow farmers to recoup some losses, while minimizing agricultural waste and making food available to people who need it. The 1983 Oregon Legislature will again be considering the tax credit for commercial growers. The gleaning projects recognize the necessity of continuing to offer the tax credit to farmers.

Growth of gleaning in Oregon, creation of a Gleaning Consortium, and passage of a state tax credit have resulted in national attention. The age-old concept of gleaning is being revived nationwide in response to present day economic and social conditions, environmental and resource concerns.

