

OREGON GLEANNING PROJECTS



**REPORT
1979**

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GLEANNING

WHAT IS GLEANING? Gleaning is gathering and sharing 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. Food also comes from family gardeners whose green thumbs produce an extra 25 pounds of green beans or 50 ears of corn, which may be claimed as a charitable deduction.

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 growers by project coordinators.

WHO DOES THE FOOD GO TO ? Gleaned food is distributed to low income families, seniors and handicapped persons. Gleaned food is also distributed through local centers to supplement meal sites and meet emergency food needs.

PAST AND PRESENT

In some ancient societies and current cultures, the gleaning concept is a matter of course. An example of this is the Biblical reference to Ruth as a gleaner. Historically and currently, gleaning in the United States exists on many levels.

In 1972, Washington County Community Action organized the first federally funded gleaning project in Oregon. Since the program operated on a small volunteer basis, records were not kept.

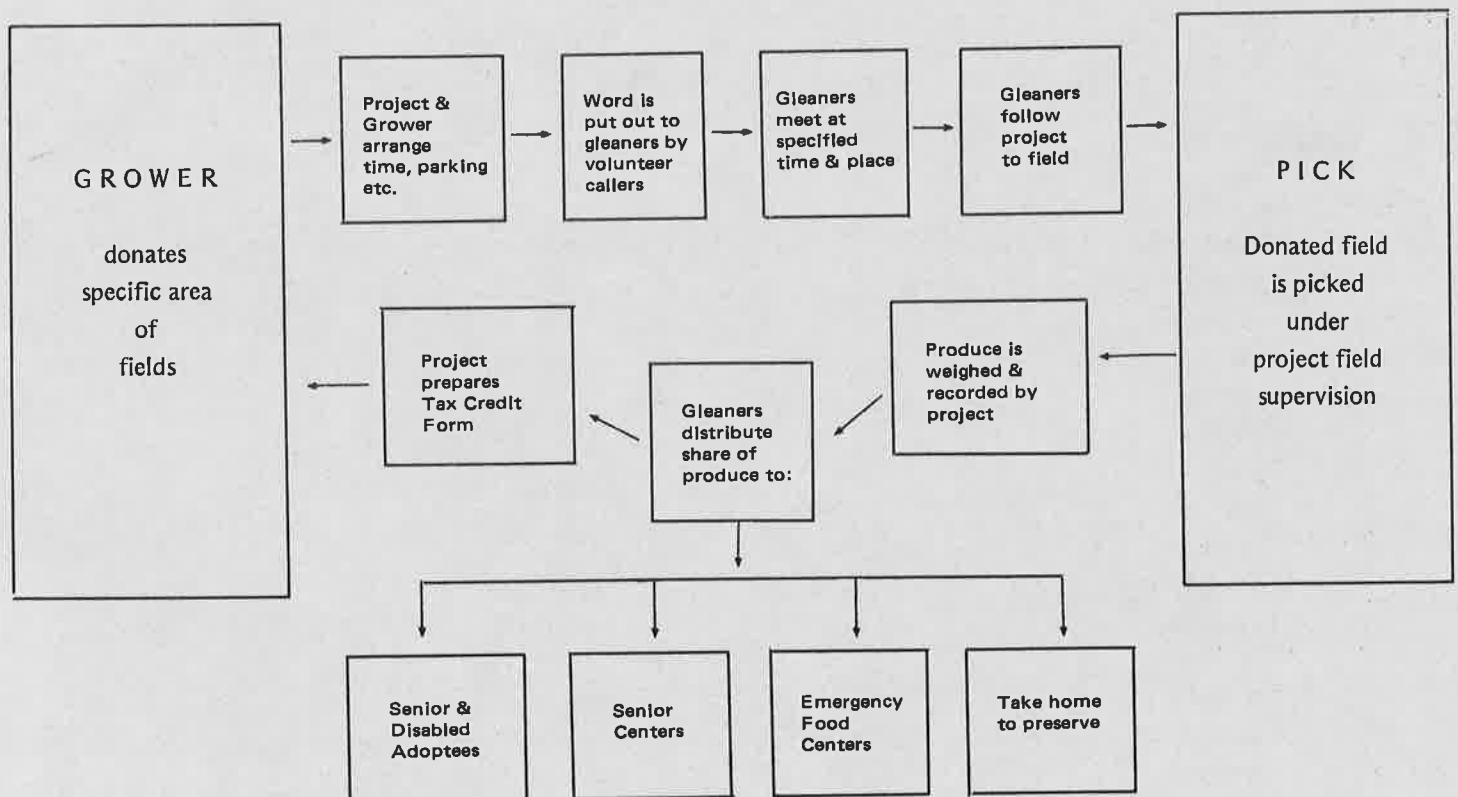
In 1976 five agencies were gleaning, and as a result more than 240,000 pounds of produce were gathered. By 1977 six agencies gleaned more than 260,000 pounds of food. At the end of the 1978 growing season, eleven agencies were involved in Gleaning Projects, gathering more than 338,000 pounds.

Because of the rapid growth of gleaning in Oregon, all agencies actively involved 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

Program. The Project has benefited 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 senior and handicapped persons 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% tax credit.

The following charts provide details of successful Oregon Gleaning Projects in 1979.



1979 BACKYARD POUNDAGE

CROP	JAN-MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Apples	-	-	1810	455	2832	3293	1418
Apricots	-	-	728	145	31	-	-
Beans	-	-	63	126	72	30	-
Beets	-	20	77	25	27	-	-
Blackberries	-	-	-	32	-	-	-
Cabbage	-	30	121	4	-	25	-
Cantaloupe	-	-	8	55	140	-	-
Carrots	-	-	10	2	-	93	10
Cauliflower	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
Celery	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
Chard	-	-	10	5	42	63	-
Cherries	-	60	-	-	-	-	-
Corn	-	-	-	97	98	120	-
Cucumbers	-	-	62	547	483	20	-
Dill	-	-	4	3	-	-	-
Eggplant	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Garlic	-	-	6	-	-	-	50
Gooseberries	-	52	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	-	-	-	176	252	579	682
Lettuce	-	40	27	-	16	73	18
Onions	-	5	19	40	95	43	5
Peaches	-	-	6	28	130	-	-
Pears	-	-	-	1074	763	340	-
Peas	-	-	34	-	-	-	-
Peppers	-	3	2	2	32	47	4
Plums/Prunes	-	-	3015	2742	189	-	-
Potatoes	50	-	-	-	60	1114	806
Pumpkin	-	-	-	20	-	336	0
Radishes	-	-	4	77	-	15	5
Raspberries	-	30	-	-	-	-	-
Rhubarb	45	10	60	-	-	60	25
Squash	-	-	250	747	421	1684	300
Tomatoes	-	3	3	208	289	553	60
Turnips	-	-	40	-	19	365	-
Watermelon	-	-	-	98	96	-	-
TOTALS	95	253	6368	6708	6097	8862	3383

AND VALUE TABLE

DEC.	TOTAL	Average U-Pick Price		Average In-store Price	
		Price/lb.	Total	Price/lb.	Total
-	9808	.25	2452.00	.36	3530.88
-	904	.23	207.92	.29	262.16
-	291	.14	40.74	.33	96.03
-	149	.13	19.37	.34	50.66
-	32	.40	12.80	.90	28.80
-	180	.14	25.20	.27	48.60
-	203	.20	40.60	.39	79.17
-	115	.16	18.40	.27	31.05
-	9	.20	1.80	.47	4.23
-	9	.20	1.80	.30	2.70
-	120	.25	30.00	.39	46.80
-	60	.27	16.20	.79	47.40
-	315	.08	25.20	.12	37.80
-	1112	.20	222.40	.35	389.20
-	7	.15	1.05	.23	1.61
-	10	.25	2.50	.49	4.90
-	56	1.29	72.24	2.00	112.00
-	52	.69	35.88	.89	46.28
-	1689	.21	354.69	.59	996.51
-	174	.24	41.76	.44	76.56
-	207	.02	4.14	.10	20.70
-	164	.30	4.92	.49	80.36
-	2177	.25	544.25	.39	849.03
-	34	.25	8.50	.39	13.26
-	90	.30	27.00	.55	49.50
-	5946	.20	1189.20	.38	2259.48
500	2530	.09	227.70	.13	328.90
0	356	.08	28.48	.18	64.08
-	101	.15	15.15	.20	20.20
-	30	.60	18.00	.97	29.10
-	200	.28	56.00	.39	78.00
-	3402	.18	612.36	.25	850.50
-	1116	.15	167.40	.40	446.40
-	424	.21	89.04	.27	114.48
-	194	.08	15.52	.10	19.40
500	32,266	-	\$6,640.21	-	\$11,116.73

1979 COMMERCIAL POUNDAGE

CROP	JAN-MAR	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Apples	-	60	879	360	2414	4251
Asparagus	-	138	-	-	-	-
Beans	-	-	1729	15194	340	1714
Beets	-	-	-	615	-	405
Blackberries	-	-	-	137	2364	-
Blueberries	-	-	-	-	1430	-
Boysenberries	-	-	-	200	-	-
Broccoli	-	-	-	7520	1955	60
Cabbage	-	-	360	-	8960	2139
Cantaloupe	-	-	-	1524	-	-
Carrots	-	-	-	1200	2582	683
Cauliflower	-	-	-	-	283	6179
Cherries	-	-	849	-	-	-
Corn	-	-	2965	35617	25284	12999
Cucumbers	-	-	-	2339	6805	2569
Filberts	-	-	-	-	-	1274
Grapes	-	-	-	-	-	1900
Lettuce	-	1580	1196	1600	890	145
Mustard Greens	400	-	-	-	-	-
Onions	-	-	-	-	10	-
Parsnips	4410	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	-	-	3159	34763	2690	-
Pears	-	-	-	2508	12	-
Peas	-	250	-	-	-	-
Peppers	-	-	-	-	77	796
Plums/Prunes	-	-	235	106	8567	1138
Potatoes	130,764	2996	-	2500	17400	-
Pumpkins	-	-	-	-	40	232
Radishes	-	-	-	-	200	-
Raspberries	-	-	1225	39	-	-
Spinach	-	-	-	-	50	-
Squash	-	1900	1748	1020	1942	2188
Strawberries	-	9488	1529	-	-	-
Sunchokes	375	-	-	-	-	-
Tomatoes	-	-	-	288	10065	22712
Turnips	-	-	-	1000	1750	1741
Walnuts	-	-	-	-	-	1957
TOTALS	135,949	16,412	15,874	108,530	96,110	65,082

AND VALUE TABLE

NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	Average Grower Price		Average In-Store Price	
			Price/lb.	Total	Price/lb.	Total
557	-	8521	.20	1704.20	.36	3067.56
-	-	138	.25	34.50	.39	53.82
40	-	19017	.15	2852.55	.33	6275.61
120	-	1140	.07	79.80	.34	387.60
-	-	2501	.55	1375.55	.90	2250.90
-	-	1430	.50	715.00	1.20	1716.00
-	-	200	.80	160.00	1.10	220.00
-	1684	11219	.20	2243.80	.45	5048.55
1110	1135	13704	.07	959.28	.27	3700.08
-	-	1524	.20	304.80	.39	594.36
1575	-	6040	.12	724.80	.27	1630.80
.5	-	6467	.15	970.05	.47	3039.49
-	-	849	.30	254.70	.79	670.71
-	-	76865	.07	5380.55	.12	9223.80
80	-	11793	.12	1415.16	.35	4127.55
2253	-	3527	.50	1763.50	1.49	5255.23
-	-	1900	.15	285.00	.59	1121.00
325	-	5736	.15	860.40	.44	2523.84
165	-	565	.15	141.25	.29	163.85
-	1950	1960	.05	98.00	.10	196.00
-	-	4410	.27	1190.70	.39	1719.90
-	-	40612	.20	8122.40	.49	19899.88
1500	-	4020	.25	1005.00	.39	1567.80
-	-	250	.25	62.50	.39	97.50
50	-	923	.30	276.90	.35	507.65
-	-	10046	.15	1506.90	.38	3817.48
4885	5600	164145	.10	16414.50	.13	21338.84
22473	5600	28345	.07	1984.15	.18	5102.10
-	-	200	.20	40.00	.20	40.00
-	-	1264	.60	758.40	.97	1226.08
60	-	110	.20	22.00	.33	36.30
4220	785	13803	.10	1380.30	.25	450.75
-	-	11017	.33	3635.61	.56	6169.52
-	-	375	.25	93.75	.39	29.25
-	-	33065	.15	4959.75	.40	13226.00
3290	30	7811	.15	1171.65	.27	2108.97
-	-	1957	.85	1663.45	1.45	2837.65
<hr/> 42,708	<hr/> 16,784	<hr/> 497,449	-	<hr/> \$66,610.85		<hr/> \$131,442.43

FINAL SUMMARY

		Based on average wholesale & U-pick price	Based on average in-store price
Total Back Yard Pounds	32,226	\$ 6,630.21	\$ 11,116.73
Total Commercial Pounds	497,449	66,610.85	131,442.43
Pounds from counties who did not break down.	269,142	34,988.46	69,976.92
 GRAND TOTAL	 798,817	 \$108,229.52	 \$212,536.08





GLEANING PARTICIPATION

Client breakdown from Clackamas County Community Action, The Albina Action Center, Washington County Community Action, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action and Multnomah County Community Action show that 863 Seniors* and 294 Physically Handicapped benefited from Gleaning Projects in the above service areas.

(*Senior Category, age 60 & over, includes families that consist of Seniors only.)

Others Served: Raphael House for Battered Women, Exodus Care Center, Errol Heights Senior Center, North Plains Senior Center, BEWARE Shelter House, WCCAO Shelter House, Washington County Restitution Center, Palisades Low-Income Housing, White Oaks Detox Center, Salvation Army, Marion/Polk/Yamhill Council on Aging, Bradley Angle House, Transition House, LIFE Center, Prison Ministries, Inc., Freedom House, Hollywood Senior Center, Urban League Senior Adults Service Center, Molalla Service Center, Sandy Senior Center, Neighbors of Estacada Action, Clackamas County Housing Authority, Everett Street Service Center, Peninsula Project Able.

GLEANING PROJECT

POUNDS

	Total	Commercial Growers	Backyard Donors
THE ALBINA ACTION CENTER	12,476	12,086	390
CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	126,363	119,187	3,200
MID-WILLAMETTE COMMUNITY ACTION	36,639	32,663	3,976
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	70,674	58,143	10,621
MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	96,520	90,702	5,818
BLUE MOUNTAIN GLEANING PROJECT	25,747	11,630	14,117
LANE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES	30,401	25,000	5,401
PORTLAND ACTION COMMITTEE TOGETHER	68,238	-	-
EASTERN OREGON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	4,000	3,700	300
COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM OF COLUMBIA COUNTY*	1,140	240	900
NORTH COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL*	4,899	3,410	1,489
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK*	178,213	177,684	3,635
NEWBERG HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER*	800	-	-
SAVE OUR SENIORS	137,707	131,258	6,449
TOTALS (rough)	798,817	665,703	56,296

*Produce went to Service Centers in target area/emergency food boxes

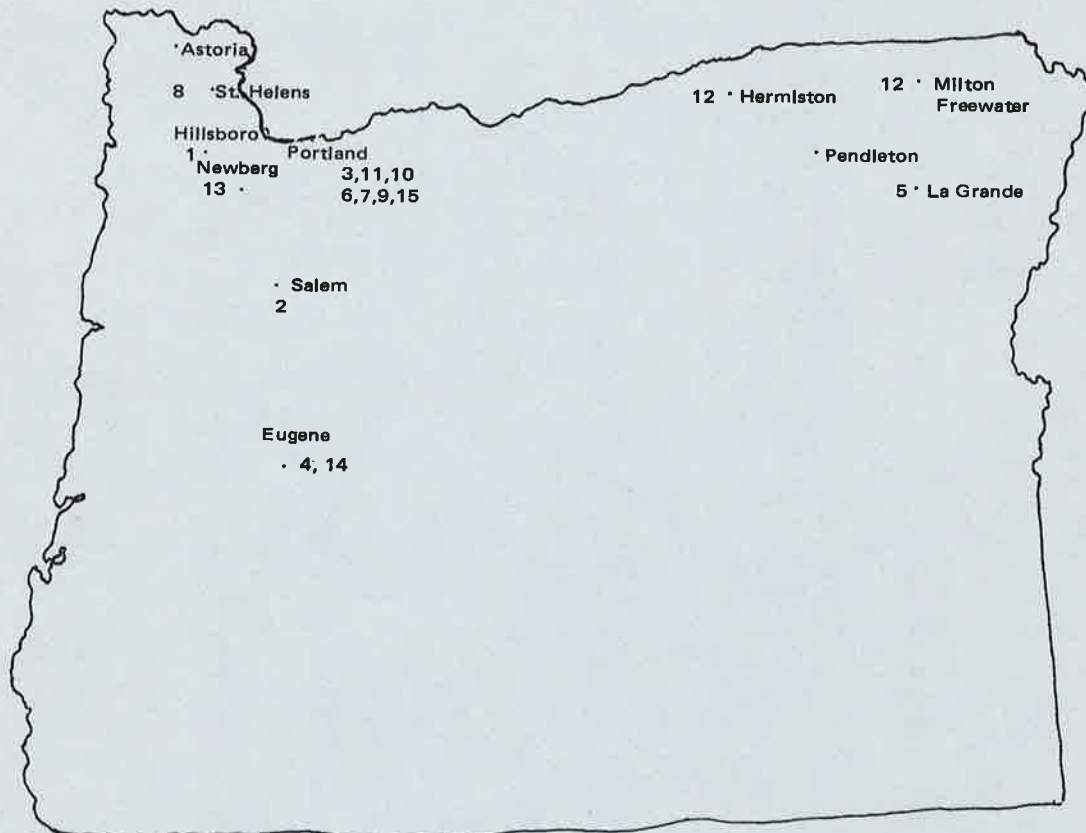
DONORS

PICKS

DISTRIBUTION

Commercial Growers	Backyard Donors	Picks	Active Gleaners	Total Households	Total Individuals
0	3	21	40	140	560
35	15	198	161	379	909
12	7	63	64	110	494
48	39	87	195	231	565
16	24	118	198	443	1223
-	-	-	-	-	638
20	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	135	163	425
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
2	14	23	30	862	1,187
26	12	85	100	-	-
-	-	-	-	20	-
18	-	-	-	-	2,000
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177	114	595	923	2,348	8,001

LOCATION OF GLEANING PROJECTS



* See corresponding numbers on page 13 for name and addresses

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 Community Action Organization
245 S.E. 2nd
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123
Phone: 648-6646
2. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
1515 State Street
Salem, Oregon 97310
Phone: 585-6232
3. North Community Action Council
6965 N. Fessenden Street
Portland, Oregon 97205
Phone: 286-8371
4. Lane County Senior Services Community Food Bank
135 E. 6th
Eugene, Oregon 97400
Phone: 687-4038
5. Eastern Oregon Community Development Council
Emergency Services
P.O. Box 1006
La Grande, Oregon 97850
Phone: 983-3188
6. Tri-County Community Council Food Bank
718 W. Burnside
Portland, Oregon 97209
Phone: 223-1030
7. Clackamas County Community Action Agency
825 Portland Ave.
Gladstone, Oregon 97027
Phone: 655-8640
8. Community Action Team of Columbia County
351 Columbia Blvd.
St. Helens, Oregon 97051
Phone: 397-3511
9. Multnomah County Community Action Agency
4420 S.E. 64th
Portland, Oregon 97206
Phone: 777-4761
10. Portland Action Committee Together
3534 SE Main St.
Portland, Oregon 97214
Phone: 233 - 8491
11. Albina Action Center
4128 NE Union Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97211
Phone: 249 - 2891
12. Blue Mountain Gleaning Project
Hermiston Neighborhood Center
215 Orchard Ave. CRC Bldg.
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
Phone: 567-6107
13. Newberg Human Resources Center
115 S. Howard St.
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Phone: 538-8396
14. Save Our Seniors
5305 E. Street
Springfield, Oregon
Phone: 485-2159
15. Oregon Gleaners Incorporated
2625 SE 15th.
Portland, Oregon 97202
Phone: 233 - 2040

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

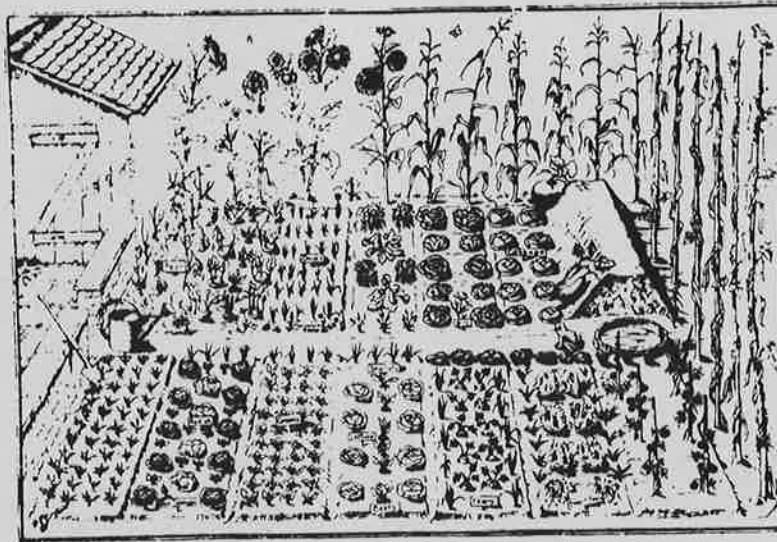
We would like to express our gratitude to the many growers in Oregon who donated crops to the Gleaning Programs. These donations ranged from a few pounds raised by family gardeners to very large donations from commercial growers who had produce left over after a harvest. This year's poundage included such commercial donations as: 40,612 pounds of peaches, 76,865 pounds of corn, 164,145 pounds of potatoes and 33,065 pounds of

tomatoes. Without these donations and the great cooperation from growers, there would be no Gleaning Program.

Since the Gleaning Programs is a self-help program, each gleaner participating donates 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.

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

The Oregon Gleaning Projects



GLEANING IN THE FUTURE

In its seven 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 food donations. A major Consortium goal for this season is to expand the participation of urban projects in field gleaning.

Since gleaning is basically a self-help project, many projects are working to involve gleaners directly in the operation, planning, and growth of their project. Agencies have begun holding meetings with interested participants, training volunteers, and turning over more staff responsibilities to these volunteers. In addition, the Consortium is planning a Spring Conference emphasizing training for volunteers, new staff, and new projects.

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.

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.