What do I do with surplus produce?

What do you do with produce that never makes it to market – the veggies that are too big, too small, slightly bruised, cracked, or oddly shaped?

What happens to your produce when it is handled too much at market and just won’t make it to the next market day?

What happens to your produce when you just have too much of a good thing? Is it plowed back into the soil?

Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) annually saves millions of pounds of fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste at farms. They give the nutritious food to agencies feeding the hungry. Nationally, in 2011, SoSA rescued about 27 million pounds of food and distributed the food to agencies helping to feed the hungry.

You can be a part of the SoSA Gleaning Network in Alabama. When you find yourself with excess produce, contact Mary Lynn Botts – 256-658-7555 or 256-721-0099 gleannorthal@endhunger.org – she will do the rest.

A benefit to you is that SoSA will keep record of your donations. At the end of the calendar year, you can apply value to your donated pounds and use it as deductions on your taxes. Your unmarketable produce will be of value to you and your hungry neighbors.

Don’t let food go to waste at your farm. Help make a difference in Alabama. It is as easy as a phone call.

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**Do you have produce left in your field or orchard after harvest?**

Do you have crops that won’t sell at market (culls)?

When you have crops that can’t be harvested or sold, don’t let the food go to waste! Call us! We can move food in any quantity—large loads or small— and take the food to local agencies feeding those in need.

Local volunteers come and pick the produce from your fields or orchards or from your warehouse or packing shed. Whatever is easiest for you!

Your food can feed someone within 24 hours of when it is picked up.

You will receive a donation statement for the pounds of food you provide.

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Gleaning Alabama’s Fields — Feeding Alabama’s Hungry