Field to Food Bank Initiatives

Fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, lean protein. Some of the most nutritious foods are also some of the hardest for the Food Bank of Iowa to find. We work through our Field to Food Bank Initiatives to provide these important products for our partners and programs.

**Corporate Gardens** provide a steady stream of fruits and vegetables during the growing season. Our current corporate gardens include John Deere and FBL Financial, and we are always looking for new garden partners.

**Gardening for Good** is a small farm grown by Tracy Blackmer for the Food Bank of Iowa. Gardening for Good produces tons of fresh fruit and vegetables each year, and you can help plant, tend, and harvest.

**Newton Correctional Facility** grows 12 acres of fresh produce for the Food Bank of Iowa with the help of a crew of offenders who plant, tend, and harvest the crops. We at the Food Bank of Iowa greatly appreciate their hard work and the food that they provide.

**HUSH** (Help Us Stop Hunger) is a program run by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources that allows deer hunters to donate legally harvested venison through licensed meat lockers throughout Iowa. The Food Bank of Iowa receives frozen ground venison, which is an excellent source of lean protein — not to mention delicious!