

Gleaning

Our gleaning season starts in June and runs through November. We partner with several farms and orchards and can often send out larger groups (up to 50 people) as well as younger volunteers (ages 5+) to plant and harvest fruits and vegetables for our clients. All ages are welcome so long as children are accompanied and closely monitored by an adult.

Please note, most farms are around an hour away. AFAC does not provide transportation to the gleaning sites. Please do not be deterred from a site that is a significant distance. The drive is quite scenic and there are other nearby attractions that might make it a good outing for groups.

There is no previous gleaning/gardening experience necessary.

What to wear

Dress for the weather! Wear boots/shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty and don't forget sunscreen and a hat. Bring lots of water and snacks.

Transporting produce

If volunteers are able to transport produce back from the farm to AFAC, that would be very much appreciated! Volunteers can fill up their cars with crates/bins of produce and drop them off at 2708 S. Nelson Street Saturdays before 1pm and weekdays before 4pm. The produce must be weighed in and a receipt must be filled out with the farm's information so the farm gets credit for the donation. Then produce must be stored correctly in the cooler.

If volunteers are willing to drive the AFAC van to the farm to pick up the produce, we need a copy of their driver's license on file, and they must sign a Drivers' Policies & Agreements form before driving an AFAC van.

Farm Information

JK Community Farm: 35516 Paxson Rd Purcellville, VA 20132

Please enter through the gate on Airmont Rd. You will turn into the farm where you see the JK Farm sign and greenhouse Mike and/or Samantha will greet you and give you information about the farm as well as details for the day's task.

Marker Miller Farms – SOSA: 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA 22602

We won't know exactly where in the orchards until the morning of the event, but watch for the pink and green gleaning signs when you arrive to help direct you, you should see a group of people gathering for the event. You can check at the market if you don't see them.

Cline's Farm – SOSA: 920 Hopewell Rd, Clear Brook, VA 22624

Arcadia Farm: 9000 Richmond Hwy Alexandria, VA 22309



Look for the Farm Managers: Caitlin Lundquist Caitlin@Arcadiafood.org or Kenneth Meyers Kenneth@Arcadiafood.org