GET FOOD SMART TN

ANNUAL UPDATE
2021
During 2021, we continued to develop resources for businesses and organizations to further their food waste reduction efforts, worked with The Society of St. Andrew in their Row by Row project, and started planning Tennessee’s inaugural Food Waste Awareness Week.

Through the Row by Row project, the goal is to collect information about the produce left in fields after harvest and use that to better support farmers and the agricultural industry.

As always, we are amazed at the impact that Tennesseans are making in their communities, to reduce food waste, fight food insecurity, and keep food out of landfills.

As we move forward in the next year, we are going to be evaluating our program and its effectiveness to help organizations and businesses be effective in their food waste efforts and make this issue of food waste a regular discussion.

We are looking forward to continuing to work together in 2022 to create even more opportunities to reduce food waste and increase food recovery and diversion in Tennessee.

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60,000 Tennesseans reached through education and outreach efforts!
RECOGNITION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Participants diverted over *40,536,221.64 pounds* of food from the landfill through composting and donations.

### Participant Actions

- 133 participants donated excess food
- 100 participants composting on-site or with a service
- All participants shared education on food waste with employees and/or customers

*Metrics included in this annual report are reflective of those actions self-reported by Get Food Smart TN Program Participants and Partners.*

- Austin Peay State University
- Bacon & Caviar Inc.
- Bloomsbury Farm
- Chattanooga Area Food Bank
- Compost Nashville
- Cooking Up
- Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Electric Power Board
- Feathers and Fruit
- Food Lion
- Forks on the Road - Food Truck
- Lupi's Pizza Pies
- Memphis Tilth
- Metro Nashville Public Works
- Mid-South Food Bank
- Miel Restaurant
- Mitchell Delicatessen
- Music City Center
- Naifeh's Cash Saver
- Naifeh's Food Market
- Niedlov's Breadworks
- NewTerra Compost
- Nourish Knoxville
- Old Country Store
- Prescot South Middle School
- Regional Inter-Faith Association
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle TN
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Switters Iced Coffee
- The Compost Company
- The Compost Fairy
- The Food Initiative
- The Kroger Co.
- The Nashville Food Project
- The Old School Farm to Table
- The Society of St. Andrew
- Vanderbilt University
- Warner Music Group - Nashville
We are so thankful to have incredible partners who are always striving to be better stewards of their environment through more sustainable management of food.

A Get Food Smart TN Partner is any group, organization or initiative that does not generate food waste or directly deal with food waste in a hands on manner, but work to promote, support and implement food waste conscious practices and policies across the state of Tennessee. Our Partners collaborate to promote the Get Food Smart TN recognition program, develop resources to address food waste related issues, provide technical assistance, conduct trainings and workshops, affect local policy, and take other actions to help reduce food waste.

Thank you to our Partners and all the work you do to combat food waste in Tennessee!

Want to become a Partner?

We are excited to partner with your group, organization or initiative to help raise awareness around food waste! To join us as a Get Food Smart TN Partner, please contact us at getfood.smart@tn.gov.
Education is key to changing habits that contribute to food waste. In 2021 we continued to see challenges brought on by another year of the pandemic, but we continued to educate on the importance of reducing food waste and increasing food recovery and diversion in Tennessee.

We promoted best practices by highlighting several of our Get Food Smart TN Participants and Partners, including Mitchell Delicatessen, Clean Memphis, Food Lion, Food Donation Connection, The Society of St. Andrew, green|spaces, Nourish Knoxville, and the Chattanooga Food Center. Check those out on our News Portal.

With the creation of enhanced food donor liability protections through Tennessee law, we developed an infographic and informational video on the new law and details about who and what is protected, and when the protections are valid. You can view the infographic, video, and other food donation information on the Donate page under the Act tab.

We worked with regional and state partners to plan Tennessee’s inaugural Food Waste Awareness Week. Lots of time and resources, and dedication went into planning this week and we can't wait to see how it all unfolds. Our hope is that it will spur more change in the food waste, recovery, and diversion space, especially in homes!