

# Society of St. Andrew

GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

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## It's a Shame This Has to Go to Waste

When you hear yourself saying, "It's a shame this has to go to waste," that's when **you should call the Society of St. Andrew**. We know that you are in business to make a profit, so we will never ask you to donate first-quality produce or even sell it to us at a discount. But if you have produce that you will be **unable to sell**, that will simply be **left to rot in fields** or in a landfill, then **we need to talk!** You let us know what will work for you, and that will be our goal.



## We Make It Easy for You to Donate Surplus and Unmarketable Food

We handle all of the logistics of getting your fresh, but unmarketable produce to thousands of feeding agencies across the country. **All you have to do is make a call.** (Honestly, a text or an email work too!) We follow your instructions about agencies you prefer to support or avoid. We track exactly which agencies receive the produce you donate and where it is distributed.

## 40 Years' Experience

**We have 40 years' experience**, working with thousands of growers across the 48 contiguous United States. By 2019, we've distributed more than 850 million pounds of healthy fruits and vegetables that were not commercially marketable, but were still fresh and safe to be eaten. We have learned from the best on how to **safely and efficiently distribute your food**.

## We Track Your Produce Donations by Weight and Type

At year's end, we provide you with an **itemized receipt of your donations**. Your "tax letter" will provide the weights and types of produce donated. The Society of St. Andrew is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which means your gifts are likely tax deductible. We recommend you **consult your tax advisor** for more information about deductions for donated produce.



## Federal Legislation Protects You from Liability

**You are protected from any and all liability concerns** through the Bill Emerson "Good Samaritan" Food Donation Act, passed by the US Congress in 1996. We, as a nonprofit, ensure that you and the recipients are 100% protected from liability. Our reporting system allows complete transparency in the donation process.

## We Step in at Whatever Point Produce is Declared Waste

We work with you throughout the donation process, stepping in at whatever point produce is declared unmarketable..

- Produce still in the field or orchard after your harvesters have finished? End of season at the U-Pick farm or Agritourism business? *We send and supervise volunteer gleaners to **harvest the produce by hand**.*
- Produce graded out at the packing house? *We can pick up produce by the bin, dump trailer, or tractor-trailer load, and haul it away, for distribution off-site.*
- Produce rejected at warehouse, distribution center, or grocery store? *We work quickly to offload rejected produce and **we transport it to nearby agencies for distribution**.*
- Produce on a truck involved in an accident? *Unless it has been harmed by a fuel spill or by chemical fire retardants, we can usually recover and distribute this good food to hungry families.*



## We Charge No Fees, to those who Donate Food or to those who Receive It

All produce you give to the Society of St. Andrew is distributed freely, always without any charge. Our operating expenses are covered by donations from individuals, churches and civic organizations, and grants.

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*Working together, we make it easy, for you to help people in need, while improving your bottom line.*