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Inmate Gardeners Provide 8 Tons of Food to Yankton Area Organizations

(Pierre) - Inmates at the Yankton Trusty Unit and Mike Durfee State Prison have provided more than 8 tons of fresh vegetables to community organizations in the Yankton and Springfield areas this year.

As of October 1st, the inmates had produced a total of 17, 264 pounds of squash, beets, turnips, onions, cucumber, kohlrabi, okra, potato, tomato, peppers, rutabaga, carrots, cantaloupe and muskmelon. Another 1,000 pounds remains to be picked.

Inmates in the horticulture program at the Durfee State Prison start growing the tomatoes and peppers, which are then transferred to a 150' x 350' garden at the Yankton Trusty Unit. The rest of the vegetables are grown from seed at the Yankton facility.

The inmates tend, plant, weed and irrigate the garden by hand in their spare time after they complete their trusty jobs.

The produce was donated to the Yankton Senior Citizens Center, Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center, Yankton Banquet, Springfield Senior Citizens Center, Yankton High School Community Service Project, Human Services Center and Durfee State Prison.

Total produced, in pounds:

squash: 4,432 beets: 2,977 tomatoes: 2,328 kohlrabi: 2,320

cucumber: 1,179 muskmelon: 1,055 onions: 785 potatoes: 759

peppers: 456 rutabaga: 435 okra: 216 carrots: 179

turnips: 108 cantaloupe: 35

Total Donations, in pounds:

Yankton Senior Citizens Center: 5,290

Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center: 5,347

Human Services Center: 2,643

Yankton Banquet: 2,288

Durfee State Prison: 1,364

Springfield Senior Citizens Center: 228

Yankton High School Community Service Project: 104