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Inmate Gardeners Provide 13 Tons of Food to Yankton Area Organizations

(Pierre) – Inmates at the Yankton Trusty Unit and the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield provided more than 13 tons of fresh produce to community organizations in Yankton and Springfield this year.

Inmates produced a total of 26-thousand 295 pounds of peppers, beets, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, cantaloupe, garlic, kohlrabi, okra, onions, potatoes, pumpkin, radishes, rutabaga, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, turnips and watermelons this year.

Inmates in the horticulture program at Mike Durfee State Prison start growing the tomatoes and peppers, which then are transferred to a larger garden at the Yankton Trusty Unit. The other vegetables are grown from seed at the Yankton facility.

The produce is then donated to the Yankton Senior Citizens Center, Yankton Banquet, Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center, Yankton Monastery, Yankton County Jail and the Springfield Senior Citizens Center. Some of the produce is also used to feed patients at the Human Services Center as well as state prison inmates in Springfield and Yankton.

Total produced, in pounds:

<u>Pepper</u>	<u>Beets</u>	<u>Cantaloupe</u>	<u>Carrots</u>	<u>Cucumber</u>	<u>Kohlrabi</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>
863	1,557	2,160	2,038	2,704	86	438
<u>Okra</u>	<u>Onion</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Pumpkins</u>	<u>Radish</u>	<u>Rutabaga</u>	<u>Squash</u>
574	987	2,680	420	177	61	3,717
<u>Tomato</u>	<u>Turnip</u>	<u>Watermelon</u>	<u>Eggplant</u>	<u>Garlic</u>		
6,137	539	1,080	11	66		

