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Inmate garden produces nearly fourteen tons of food
Prison garden produce distributed to Yankton and Springfield areas

Pierre, S.D. - Community organizations in Yankton and Springfield received nearly fourteen tons of fresh produce this year, courtesy of state prison inmates at the Yankton Minimum Unit and the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield.

Inmates produced a total of 27-thousand and 715 pounds of peppers, beets, carrots, cucumbers, garlic, gourds, kohlrabi, okra, onions, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, turnips and watermelon 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 Minimum Unit. The other vegetables are grown from seed at the Yankton facility.

In addition to providing fresh produce for the inmates, the produce is also donated to the Yankton Senior Citizens Center, Yankton Banquet, Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center, Yankton Monastery, Cedar Village Assisted Living, Springfield Senior Citizens Center and the Freeman Bethany Food Pantry.

Total produced, in pounds:

<u>Pepper</u>	<u>Beets</u>	<u>Carrots</u>	<u>Cucumber</u>	<u>Garlic</u>	<u>Gourds</u>
124	900	1,030	4,489	5	120
<u>Kohlrabi</u>	<u>Okra</u>	<u>Onion</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Pumpkin</u>	<u>Squash</u>
955	190	459	283	5,010	5,363
<u>Tomato</u>	<u>Turnip</u>	<u>Watermelon</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>		
2,830	440	3,227	2,290		