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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, Springfield and Freeman 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 137 pounds of beets, carrots, cucumbers, garlic, kohlrabi, okra, onions, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, squash, tomatoes, turnips and zucchini 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, Human Services Center Dietary, Springfield Senior Citizens Center, Cedar Village Assisted Living and the Freeman Bethany Food Pantry.

Total produced, in pounds:

<u>Beets</u>	<u>Carrots</u>	<u>Cucumber</u>	<u>Garlic</u>	<u>Kohlrabi</u>	<u>Okra</u>	<u>Onion</u>	<u>Peppers</u>
630	3,807	2,911	48	94	109	318	735
<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Pumpkin</u>	<u>Radish</u>	<u>Squash</u>	<u>Tomato</u>	<u>Turnip</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>	
5,363	3,480	53	2,801	6,063	684	41	