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Inmate Garden Produces More Than 21 Tons Of Food

YANKTON, S.D.- Community organizations in southeastern South Dakota received more than 21 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 harvested a total of 43,081 pounds of beets, carrots, cucumbers, kohlrabi, okra, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, rutabagas, squash, tomatoes, watermelons and zucchini this year.

Inmates in the horticulture program at Mike Durfee State Prison start growing the tomatoes and peppers before the plants are transferred to a two acre garden at the Yankton Minimum Unit on the grounds of the Human Services Center. The other vegetables are grown from seed at the Yankton facility.

In addition to providing fresh produce for the inmates at the two DOC facilities, the produce is also donated to the Yankton Senior Citizens Center; Yankton Banquet; Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center; Human Services Center Dietary; Yankton Monastery; Yankton, Bon Homme County, Scotland and Gayville-Volin schools; Yankton County Jail; Springfield Senior Citizens Center; Scotland Good Samaritan Center; Cedar Village Assisted Living and the Freeman Bethany Food Pantry.

Total produced, in pounds:

<u>Beets</u>	<u>Carrots</u>	<u>Cucumbers</u>	<u>Kohlrabi</u>	<u>Okra</u>	<u>Peppers</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>
845	168	1,665	70	570	230	2,440
<u>Pumpkins</u>	<u>Rutabaga</u>	<u>Squash</u>	<u>Tomatoes</u>	<u>Watermelon</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>	
21,015	256	3,173	1,078	10,113	1,458	

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.

