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Rapid City Minimum Unit Garden Produces Three Tons of Food

Rapid City, S.D.- A new project at the Rapid City Minimum Unit is helping feed the hungry in that community.

Inmates at the minimum-security facility started a garden this year. All of the materials for the garden were donated by various community organizations who utilize inmate labor, including tilling by the Central States Fairgrounds, seeds provided by the Community Action Program office and yard waste compost from the Rapid City Landfill.

The produce harvested was given to the Rapid City Food Pantry at the Community Action Program to be dispersed throughout the area.

Total produced, in pounds:

<u>Basil</u>	<u>Beets</u>	<u>Cantaloupe</u>	<u>Carrots</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Green Beans</u>
3	463	1,971	458	670	201
<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Radishes</u>	<u>Watermelon</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>	<u>Total</u>	
20	144	2,033	550	6,620	

Plans call for the garden to be expanded next year.

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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.