WE’RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. North Carolina is one of the United States’ top agricultural producers. Still, one in five adults and one in four children will go hungry tonight. Farmer Foodshare is working with local farmers, partner agencies and a mountain of volunteers and supporters to change that, and together, we are making a difference. **NUMBERS TO CELEBRATE:**

### DONATION STATIONS

- **31 Farmers Markets with Donation Stations**, where farmers and shoppers donate fresh produce and cash to help others
- **60,343 Pounds** of fresh produce and local food donations
- **$33,740 Donated** in cash at market, 100% of which goes to buy food from those farmers to share with local agencies
- **33 Partner Agencies** chosen and supported with fresh food by each market
- **19,790 People Fed** 38% aged five or younger, 3% aged 65 or older
- **550 Farmers Supported** with Donation Stations’ fresh food purchases, helping these hard-working families make a living
- **13 Counties Served**

### POP MARKET

- **POP Market (Pennies on the Pound)** is Farmer Foodshare’s wholesale market, connecting small, local farmers with agencies that are stretching their budgets to buy more fresh food to help people in our area.
- **35 Farmers Supported** POP Market provides a place to sell and advice on pricing for farmers, marketing, and safe food practices.
- **83 Markets Served** 31 individuals and 52 agencies and organizations are stretching their own budgets to provide nutritious food.
- **24,000 People Fed** with fresh produce, 36% were aged 5 or younger, 21% aged 65 or older
- **134,000 Pounds** of fresh produce purchased
- **$152,000 Total Sales** 83% of which goes to the farmers; 17% to overhead expenses
- **17 Counties Served**

### MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

- **150 VOLUNTEERS**
- **10,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS**
- **681 DONATIONS**
- **289 INDIVIDUAL DONORS**
- **22 SUSTAINERS** (providing monthly support)
If you want to know what Farmer Foodshare does, just ask Michelle Morehouse: she has seen it from many sides. First, she worked for Take and Eat Food Pantry in Eastern Chatham County. She loved the sense of community: people caring for each other, as she provided groceries to neighbors in need. She saw first hand the difference it made when Farmer Foodshare and Take and Eat became partners.

“Our weekly food distribution coincided with the Fearrington Farmers Market. So food collected at the Donation Station came right to us and went out the door with very grateful recipients. The food was just hours out of the field!”

There was one group still missing out, Michelle shared. “The seniors who came to our morning distribution were missing that food fresh out of the field. Then Farmer Foodshare started the POP Market program. We could afford the POP Market produce and it was fresh, local, and received with joy!”

“Our seniors were a group of regulars. They looked out for each other and shared helpful hints and recipes. This sense of sharing and community was the perfect setting for Farmer Foodshare’s Food Ambassadors. Michelle told about the time the Food Ambassador came and asked, ‘Who likes okra?’ Very few hands went up. ‘Too slimy!’ Folks said. So the Food Ambassador did a cooking demo and shared the results. Crisp, yummy, perfectly cooked okra. The dish got rave reviews, and many of the seniors took home the recipe and fresh okra so they could make it themselves.

And that is what Farmer Foodshare is all about: helping each other, which helps each of us. Michelle Morehouse knows: she has seen it from many sides.