



Tips for Gleaners 2008

Gleaning locations: This season we expect to be gleaning at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, Rosebank Farms on Johns Island and Owls Nest Plantation in Cross. Others may be added.

Contact: Unless otherwise instructed, I am your contact person at 881-6798. If you are given the farmer's cell phone number, please use it only when you are on the farm and need help. We do not like to bother the farmers with phone calls unless absolutely necessary. PLEASE MAKE SURE I HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER!

Emergencies: If you cannot glean as scheduled, please be sure to contact Jacki at 881-6798 as soon as possible. Agencies that feed the hungry are scheduled to pick up your gleaned vegetables and we don't want any agency to waste time and gas money by coming a great distance to find no produce.

What to bring:

- Water, gloves, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent or anything you need for your comfort.
- Appropriate tools for cutting produce.
- Sturdy boxes to hold the produce (Banana boxes from the produce department of a supermarket are best)
- Plastic bags or a small bucket for harvesting between the rows. It is easier to do that than try to bring the large container with you and then try to carry the large container when it is filled. Leaving the larger container in the van and carrying the produce to the container is a back saving idea.
- It is a good idea to start harvesting from the farthest point on the row and work your way to the end.

Reporting: Please report your time and mileage (and pounds, if applicable) Please report name and time and mileage for volunteers you bring with you.

- You may use the following chart or just jot down all the information in the chart, whichever is easier.

Date	Name	Start Time	End Time	RT Miles Travelled	Travel time Both ways (RT)

- Mileage: Mileage is counted round trip, door to door. Only the driver's mileage is recorded. If you are a passenger, your mileage is 0 miles, but please count the time you travelled while a passenger in someone else's car. Don't forget to count the time coming and going.
- Pounds of each vegetable harvested: Generally that will not be your responsibility. If you are needed to weigh the produce, a scale will be provided for you.



- Send your report to me ASAP after returning from gleaning. Use the form above or make up your own. Reporting is a necessary part of what we do since our nonprofit status depends on keeping accurate records as to how many volunteers, hours volunteered and mileage travelled as well as the pounds donated to the hungry.

General information:

- Safety is the most important factor in gleaning. If any activity is of questionable safety, DO NOT DO IT!
- When you are gleaning, remember you are on another person's land. We want to be welcome guests and invited back frequently! Make sure we don't leave behind any trash.
- Glean and park only in areas designated by the proprietor or leader.
- Fields to Families has no objection to your taking, for your personal use, a small quantity of what you harvest .

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO TO HELP FIELDS TO FAMILIES FEED THE HUNGRY.

Names of volunteers are published in the newsletter. If you have an objection, please let me know. HAVE A GREAT TIME. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!

