



Pantry Garden Fact Sheet

The Master Gardener Volunteer class of 2019 was given a grassy plot that was then behind the Learning Garden and were assigned to design this area as a Pantry Garden. The purpose of the Pantry Garden is to educate the member growers and the many visitors of our Learning Gardens, on the techniques and practices to successfully grow a large amount of produce in a small amount of space. The design was to use the raised row method per the book written by Jim & Mary Competti called "Raised Row Gardening." The class toured the Competti's garden at the edge of Newark, Ohio to get a better idea of this process. The class managed to create the garden and Master Gardener Volunteers have continued operate the garden since 2019. Once the raised row design is in place it is very easy to maintain.

We don't have all the past numbers at this time, but we do know we took the following amounts of produce to the local food banks in recent years:

- 2022 – 1903 lbs.
- 2023 – 2412 lbs.
- 2024 – 654 lbs. as of July 18th

For 2024, we are ahead of the amount of food delivered to food banks last year and should easily surpass last year's amount.

To learn the various steps from planning, preparing, planting and maintaining a raised row garden you will find directions at: oldworldgardenfarms.wordpress.com.

Happy Gardening!



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