

FARM EDUCATION & PRODUCTION IMPACT REPORT



Thank you for helping residents of all ages easily access fresh local food, as well as gain the tools and knowledge to grow their own fruits and vegetables. Together we were able to provide farm education to growers of all ages through in-person and virtual workshops and events.

Thanks to your generosity, high school students were able to learn how to grow, prepare, and enjoy farm fresh produce, as well as share it with their neighbors in Wilkinsburg and Braddock through youth markets. And young adults continued their workforce development on our urban farms.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

- **28,340** lbs of food grown on our two urban farms
- **1,038** lbs of produce donated to local community organizations and food pantries
- **10** youth participated in virtual and in-person summer programming
- **522** volunteers who spent **21,924** hours on the farm sites
- **20,083** seedlings sold in our annual seedling sale
- **3,191** seedlings donated to area school, community, and backyard growers
- **6** additional part-time staff hired to meet additional seasonal needs, including 3 former apprentices



“WORKING IN A GARDEN IS SUCH A GOOD LESSON IN SO MANY WAYS. IT’S TAUGHT ME PATIENCE AND HOW TO SLOW DOWN TO THE PACE OF NATURE. THERE’S SO MUCH WISDOM IN IT.”

- Volunteer



“GROW PITTSBURGH HAS BEEN INTEGRAL TO CONNECTING ME WITH THE SOIL AND COMMUNITY...I AM CONSTANTLY AWED BY THE REACH AND IMPACT OF GROW PITTSBURGH’S EDUCATION AND FOOD CREATION ENDEAVORS.”

- Farm Apprentice Graduate and Bakery Owner

“I STARTED LAST SUMMER AND AT FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A COOL JOB OPPORTUNITY, BUT I LIKE GARDENING! AND AS I GOT MORE INTO THE PROGRAM, I WAS LEARNING ABOUT HARVESTING AND AGRICULTURE. I DECIDED TO DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR BECAUSE I REALLY ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE.”

- Participant, Urban Farmers in Training and Youth Markets Program

“THANK YOU. WE BOUGHT YOUR SEEDLINGS AND HAD A WONDERFUL YEAR IN OUR VEGGIE GARDEN, AND IT’S BEEN A WONDERFUL THING TO SHARE WITH MY SON.

MY LIFE IS BETTER BECAUSE WE HAVE A NONPROFIT LIKE YOU IN THIS REGION. MY SON’S LIFE IS BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU. I HOPE THESE SKILLS AND LESSONS LAST A LIFETIME.”

- Seedling Sale customer

