

# Community Partnership Newsletter

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## Friendly Reminders

### UPCOMING FOOD PROVIDER MEETING

**Where:** Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America

1 Scouting Way

Exton, PA 19341

**When:** Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025

9:15 AM Check-In

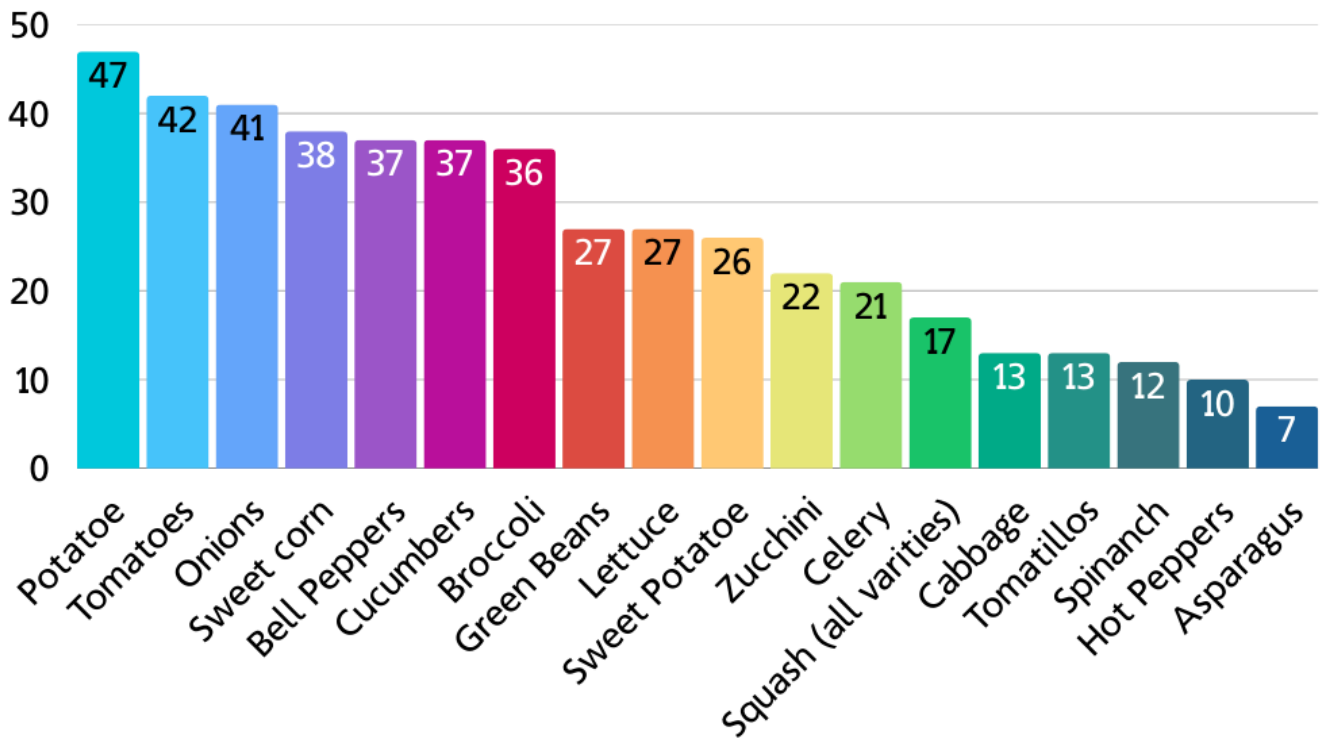
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting

At our last food provider meeting, we asked everyone to complete a survey about produce preferences both your own and what you've observed your neighbors prefer.

Here are the results:

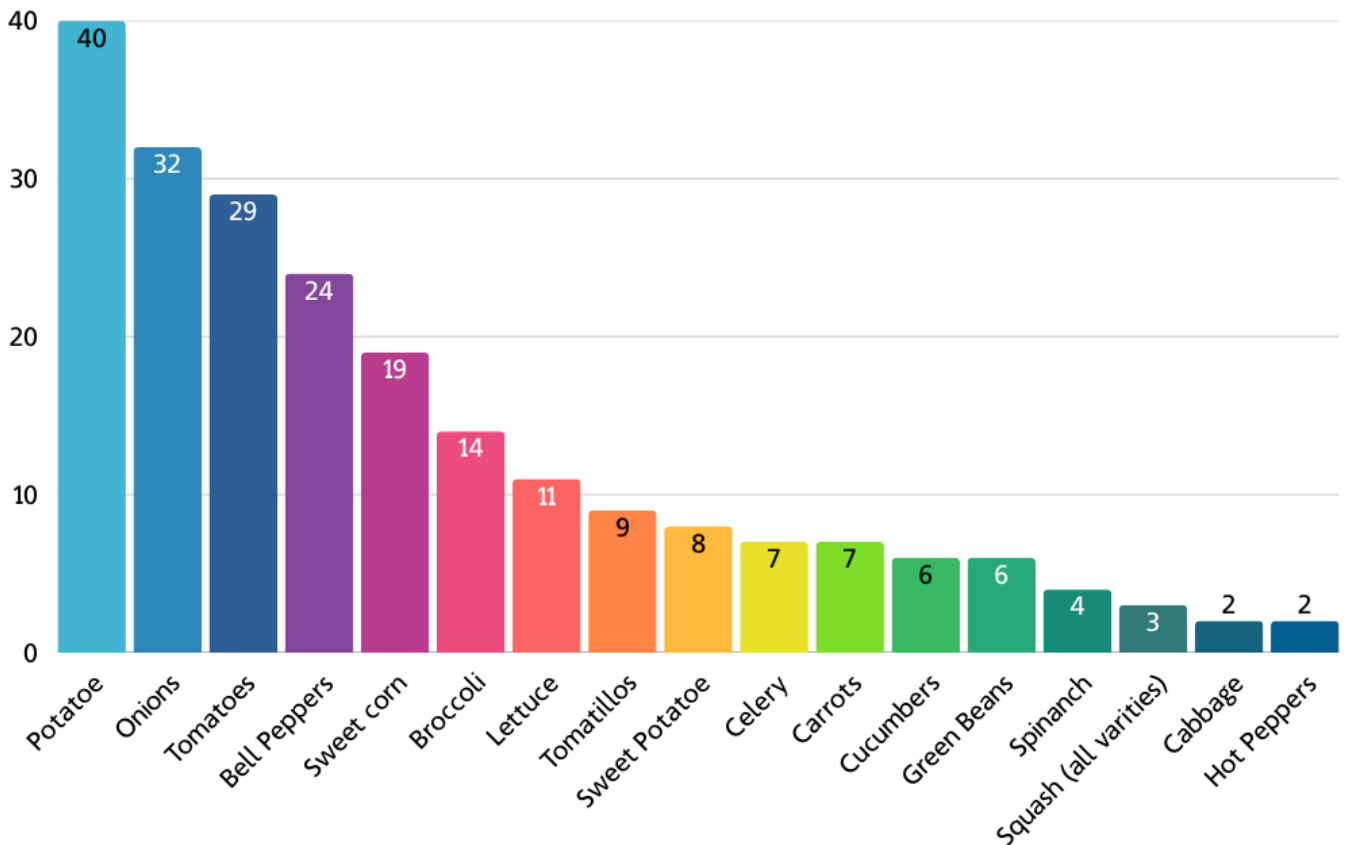
# Weekly Top #10 Vegetables

What are the top 10 vegetables your Neighbors would like to have on a weekly basis?



# Neighbors Top #5 Vegetables

Please list the top 5 options for your neighbors prefer:



CCFB will be closed for the following holidays and for year-end inventory

### Holiday Closures:

- **November**
  - Thursday, November 27
  - Friday, November 28
- **December**
  - Wednesday, December 24
  - Thursday December 25
  - Friday December 26
  - Wednesday, December 31
- **January**
  - Thursday, January 1
  - Friday January 2nd

### Inventory Closures:

- **December**
  - December 17-19
  - December 22- 23
  - December 29- 30

CCFB will reopen for modified afternoon deliveries on Monday, January 5, and will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 6.

If you have any questions or need to change your delivery schedule, please email us at [orderfood@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:orderfood@chestercountyfoodbank.org)

## CCFB Opportunities

### Capacity Building Grant Application

Your organization is eligible to apply for our Capacity Building Grant, designed to support improvements to your food operations. This funding can be used for cold storage, pantry equipment, or construction projects that increase your ability to distribute real, healthy food to the community.

Apply Today!

Application

**DEADLINE:**  
September 30th

Submit the grant application and signed agreement to Laura Bender via email: [lbender@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:lbender@chestercountyfoodbank.org)

SERVSafe Food Banking

Register Now!

FRIDAY October 24th, 1pm-4pm

ServSafe

TUESDAY December 9th, 9am-noon

## Food Access & Education Corner

🚫 Important Mobile Market Update: VA Coatesville location Permanently closed

🛒 Coatesville Masonic Lodge Mobile Market remains open:

360 Lincoln Hwy E., Coatesville

🕒 Thursday | 2pm-4pm



**CLASSES  
AVAILABLE**

Email Kale Doughty

## Seed to Supper Hosting Opportunities!

Do you think your neighbors would be interested in growing their own food, in containers or a backyard garden? CCFB runs garden education programs that give participants the building block knowledge they need to start gardening—designed for neighbors on a budget! All experience levels are welcome to participate. Classes are offered as one-time workshops or a 6-week series!

## Join our Raised Bed Garden Partner Program!

Our farm and garden team wants to supply you with seeds and seedlings to grow for your community! If you are hosting an on-site garden, OR if you do not have room for a garden, but you know your neighbors would like seedlings, you can reach out and we can set you up with seeds and seedlings to support your community!

Contact Sr. Manager of Food Access and Education, Kale Doughty ([kdoughty@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:kdoughty@chestercountyfoodbank.org)) for more information!

## Now Fall 2025 Enrollment is now open for our Eat Fresh Cooking and Wellness Classes across the county!

These free, hands-on cooking classes focus on whole foods, local produce, and personal food traditions. After each class, participants receive a bag of fresh fruits and vegetables to cook with at home.


Classes are completely free, but space is limited, so please encourage your neighbors to sign up early!

**Registration Link:** [EatFresh Enrollment Form \(2025-2026 Season 2\)](#)

### Class Schedule by Location:


#### Upper Main Line YMCA (Berwyn)

Tuesdays, *September 30, October 14 & 28, November 11 & 18, and December 9*

 6:00–7:30 PM


#### Phoenixville Library

Wednesdays, *October 1, 8, 15 & 29, November 12 & 19, and December 10*

 3:00–4:30 PM


#### The Alliance for Health Equity's Brandywine Center (Coatesville)

Thursdays, *September 25, October 9 & 30, November 6 & 20, and December 4*

 6:00–7:30 PM

## The Garage Community & Youth Center (Kennett Square)

Thursdays, *October 2, 16 & 30, November 13 & 20, and December 11*

 6:00–7:30 PM

If you'd like a flyer with a QR code to display at your location to share with your community, please contact Erika Mendez at [emendez@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:emendez@chestercountyfoodbank.org) for more information.

## Partner Spotlight



### Strengthening Our Network: Welcoming The Lord's Pantry

Across Chester County, our shared mission to feed neighbors in need is powered by dedicated partners like The Lord's Pantry. For over 60 years, the Lord's Pantry has been serving the community with compassion, dignity, and innovation and now, we're proud to welcome them as a Core Partner of the Chester County Food Bank.

The Lord's Pantry brings a unique approach to food access, offering a personalized phone-in shopping experience for families. Neighbors place their orders by phone and pick up their groceries with dignity and convenience. With support from the Chester County Food Bank, the Lord's Pantry is now expanding its reach to serve even more families in their community.

Together, we are making a greater impact because when we partner with organizations that lead with heart, we all serve our community better together.

## Resource Hub



Looking for temperature logs, food shelf guidelines, self-declaration forms, and more?

Visit our new [Resource Website Page](#) to access helpful tools and documents.

Can't find what you need? Feel free to email us at [agencysupport@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:agencysupport@chestercountyfoodbank.org)

## Job Board

Interesting in supporting our mission?

Join our Team

Volunteer

## Contact Update

### Help Us Keep Your Information Current

To ensure accuracy, please review your organization information on the [Food Finder](#). If any details are outdated, email us at [agencysupport@chestercountyfoodbank.org](mailto:agencysupport@chestercountyfoodbank.org) and we'll update your information accordingly.



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