

Farm to Table

The Farm to Table Project is an entirely volunteer program out of Salida, Colorado, west of Cripple Creek, that provides fresh farm produce to those in need. Paul Douglas, CC&V Mine Maintenance Supervisor, has been working with the project and approached CC&V about participation with Farm to Table.

Tony Madone of Salida has undertaken this project almost single-handedly, with a tough determination to grow the produce welcomed by food banks and shelters throughout the region. On donated land, Tony works the project with the objective to expand each year. An extensive group of volunteers, such as Paul, assist Tony with his work.

CC&V has been able to support Farm to Table with the donation of fuel, oil, and one of our surplus pick up trucks. A cash donation helped pay for seed and fertilizer.

2005 crop yields included:

- 61,368 ears of sweet corn
- 1,982 heads of cabbage
- 1,718 heads of broccoli
- 7,220 zucchini squash
- 8,711 yellow summer squash
- 4,751 acorn squash

The produce was distributed to facilities in Salida, Buena Vista, Leadville, Westcliffe, Denver, Alamosa and Montrose.

As the project gains stability, Tony and the other volunteers look forward to expanding the acreage under cultivation and the amount of produce distributed. They have already received requests for produce from Canon City, Woodland Park and Colorado Springs. CC&V volunteers and support will help these dedicated folks reach their goal of a positive contribution throughout the region.