



**Michigan Commission of  
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# Cultural indifference to food waste



- Per USDA: 96 billion pounds per year
- Per EPA: 2<sup>nd</sup> largest component in municipal landfills



**30+ drivers: *our front line***

**16,000+ volunteers: *heartfelt thanks***

**30+ refrigerated trucks: *all donated***



**260+ agency partners,  
including 60+ mobile pantries:  
*a critical collaboration***



**40+ million pounds: *invaluable donors***



# Forgotten Harvest Farms

**Site 1: FH Processing Center (Oak Park) -- sort/wash/chop/cool/store**  
*FH Processing Center workforce training participants and new/used equip.  
/ electrical-plumbing-facility upgrades possible from MDARD Value-Added Grant*



**Site 2: FH Processing Center -- blanch/pack-label/chill-freeze**  
***Garden Fresh (Inkster) loaned physical space to FH Processing Center***  
***and provides onsite mentoring / expert guidance***

***FH Processing Center new/used equip. purchased with MDARD Value-Added Grant***





**Tomatoes:**  
*Blanching*  
*Rapid chilling*

**Deep appreciation to  
Eastern Market Corporation  
for partnership.**

***Questions?***

