

Fresh Focus Quarterly Report



What is Fresh Focus?

Fresh Focus is a program based on the 23-acre Student Farm at University of California, Davis. The UC Davis Student Farm provides a space where students can learn, practice, and model an ecologically, socially, and economically, sustainable agriculture and food system. The Student Farm welcomes all students to build a more equitable and just farm and food system by cultivating student initiative, leadership, and experiential learning. In 2014, two Student Farmers created the Fresh Focus program to glean surplus produce from the student farm to donate to the ASUCD student-run food pantry. This initiative expanded into the Fresh Focus program. The goal of Fresh Focus is to reduce food loss while supporting student access to fresh produce.



A Special Thank You

to our funders, Aggie Compass and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences!

Winter Highlights:



- Distributed 3,724 pounds of fresh produce
- Grew beets and carrots in our own Fresh Focus produce bed
- Sent out 177 bins to 9 partners

Meet our Team!



4 Lead Student Farmers...

- Wendy Martinez, 4th year Food Science major and our Internal Partner Coordinator
- Adriana Galarza, 2nd year Environmental Policy Master's student and our External Partner Coordinator
- Laia Menendez Diaz, 4th year Plant Sciences major and our Intern Coordinator
- Zoe Tanner, 4th year Clinical Nutrition major and our Data and Communications Coordinator

7 Incredible Interns

- Ada Lengyel, 2nd year Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems major
- Nathan Lee, 3rd year Environmental Policy major
- Ruben Gonzalez, 2nd year Environmental Science and Management major
- Ava Dillard, 3rd year double major in Sustainable Environmental Design and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Jess Baggott, 4th year Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity major
- Tanya Mohammad, 4th year Human Development major and a Sacramento Valley College Corps Fellow
- Lana Dao, 2nd year Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior major and a Sacramento Valley College Corps Fellow

... And 7 Supportive Student Farm Staff

Thank you to our Student Farm Director Colin Dixon, Fresh Focus Coordinator Judy Jun, Market Garden Manager Emma Torbert, Ecological Garden Manager Julia Schreiber, SCOPE Manager Laura Roser, Market Garden Farmer Ken Earl, and Field Operations Manager Jim Muck.

Quotes from our Winter team...

"My internship this quarter with Fresh Focus allowed me to discuss and practice concepts that I am learning about in my classes, giving me a richer learning experience both in the classroom and field." - Jess

"Fresh Focus is a space where we can grapple with and practice the question of what is our responsibility in ensuring that food is accessible, culturally appropriate and rooted in care. I really appreciate the mornings we all gather and someone excitedly shares a story of how they cooked a vegetable for the first time in a delicious meal! Fresh Focus to me feels very centered in interdependence and showing up for community and I am so excited to see how the team expands and grows!" - Judy



At A Glance

Our partners include the ASUCD Pantry, Center for African Diaspora Student Success, Center for Educational Opportunity Program, Fruit and Veggie Up!, Native American Academic Student Success Center, AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, LGBTQIA+ Student Center, Graduate Student Association Pantry and The Freedges.



That's equivalent to about 3,103 meals!

Supported 9 partnerships

Distributed 3,724 pounds of fresh produce

Donated over 46 varieties of fruits and vegetables

Check out all the produce varieties we harvested!



dandelion-green kohlrabi
cabbage
rosemary chickpeas romanesco
lettuce dill cilantro fennel
beet green mustard-green
bok-choy radish oregano
kale
carrot
butternut squash lemon gailan orange
broccoli collard turnip
broccolini

A Word from Our Partners

PRODUCE DONATION
PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:
MARKET GARDEN



The Market Garden is a student farm program where students can learn how to farm on a nine-acre organic mixed vegetable farm. Their fresh produce is then sold to dining halls and to the community through a farmstand and CSA shares.

The Market Garden provides Fresh Focus with the opportunity to glean and harvest from their crops as well as sort through excess produce leftover from their CSA program allowing us to reduce food waste at the farm. Market Garden also supports Fresh Focus in the production of two of our own produce beds which provided us space to grow beets and carrots this quarter!

Here's what motivates the Market Garden team to donate to Fresh Focus:

"The high level of food insecurity among UC Davis students is very motivating for the Market Garden - we want to make sure all the fresh, organic produce is not wasted but makes it into the bellies of UC Davis students." from Emma Torbert, Market Garden Manager



Looking for an internship?

Want to learn more about the Student Farm?

Visit: asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sf. You can also follow the Fresh Focus Instagram at [@ucdfreshfocus](https://www.instagram.com/ucdfreshfocus)



QUOTES FROM OUR PARTNERS

"We are super grateful for everything the Fresh Focus team does!!" from Fruit & Veggie Up! at Aggie Compass

"Thank you all for all the awesome and hard work that you do! We're thankful and grateful for this partnership, and look forward to the working with y'all again!!" from Native American Academic Student Success Center

"Thank you for your support this quarter :) We are very much looking forward to continuing this partnership this upcoming quarter as well!" from the AB540 and Undocumented Student Center

"The Pantry loves Fresh Focus and the Student Farm!" from the ASUCD Pantry