



ABOUT THE MARC

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative (MARC) is a regional produce distribution system for Feeding America food banks. We cover from New England to Virginia and distribute approximately **2.3 million pounds** of produce per month to our members.



FARMERS ARE THE FOUNDATION

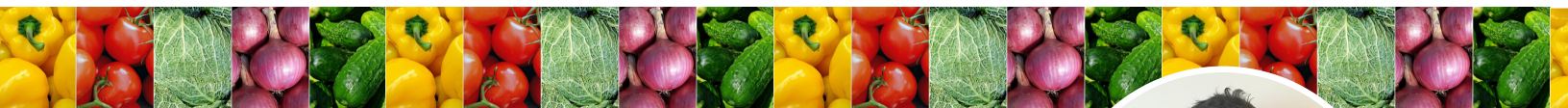
The Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative provides solutions to farmers, wholesalers, and importers. We offer you an outlet for surplus product and distribute that excess to food banks throughout the region. This enables food banks to receive anywhere from 5-10 different commodities per load—enhancing the variety and value to their clients and allowing food banks a more dependable and efficient supply. The MARC can solve your excess production and inventory problems, while you help us solve the problem of hunger in our communities.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Food banks are shifting to offering more nutritious food, but warehouse space to accept large volumes of produce is limited - this is where the MARC comes in. We can absorb large quantities of produce from farmers, shippers and wholesalers, consolidate it at a single shipping point, and coordinate the logistics to distribute that food to those in need.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Working with the MARC can keep your packing line running and your cooler from getting overfilled. We distribute almost any commodity and pack from our central location at the Philadelphia Wholesale Produce Market. Save money on dumping charges, reduce waste, protect your markets from getting saturated and help hungry people in your region. Get in touch and see how the MARC can work for you!



"The MARC is a **great tool for farmers and importers** to use because we speak produce. We know the language and make it as easy as possible for them. We work efficiently to handle any load that is delivered, and redistribute the produce to member food banks. Using the MARC is also attractive in terms of potential tax deductions and payment for product."

- **James DeMarsh, Executive Director of the MARC**



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