

Reeves Farms

Baldwinsville, Onondaga County NY

Owner: Brian, Mark & Andy Reeves



Background: Reeves Farms is dedicated to producing fresh, nutritious berries and vegetables using sustainable farming practices. The Reeves family has been growing vegetables for more than a century in the Baldwinsville area and the farm has practiced Integrated Pest Management (IPM) with its crops for over 25 years. Extensive use of crop rotation, cover crops, minimum tillage and scouting for pests have been key ingredients to Reeves Farms' sustainability.

Crops Donated: Donations commonly range from 10 to 20 thousand pounds of cucumbers, summer squash, and winter squash every year. Tomatoes, specialty peppers, and sweet corn are also available to provide to charitable groups in some years, which may increase the total yearly donations well beyond the usual range.

Collection of Donation Crops: Most food donations are picked by workers (some field-graded, i.e. sorted when picked) and brought to the barn for packing/shipping where most crops are sorted by grade, which often determines which will be donated. The Food Bank of Central NY and, to a lesser extent, Cornell Cooperative Extension are the most common recipients/ collectors of the donations. While gleaning has seldom been workable at their farm, a few smaller organizations like churches or scouts have helped them at times sort or move produce to recipients.

Challenges to Donation: Berries are generally not very conducive to donation. Gleaning has not generally been very workable on the farm.



Why donate? The Reeves family wants to waste as little of their grown product as possible and donating to charity is not much of a burden. They receive tax deductions to offset some expenses and though offered value-added processing funds (from Food Bank of CNY) for their donations, they generally decline them.

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