NYSAR3 2016
Food Recovery Campaign

*Working together*
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and
Food Bank of Central New York
Getting Connected

• I attended NYSAR3 2015 conference
• Governor Cuomo’s “Capitol for a Day” event in Syracuse introduced grant monies to “increase recycling and provide cost savings for farmers and municipalities”.
• Food Bank of Central New York was awarded some of these funds for the purpose of increasing perishable donation distribution, particularly NYS agriculture.
How the Food Bank Works

- Food Acquisition
- Food Distribution
- Community Partnership
The Food Bank Distribution Network

- Incoming streams; Wholesale purchase, Donations, USDA Commodities
- Storage and handling; Intake/inventory management, order-taking/assembly
- Shipping; Fleet management, driver coordination, delivery logistics
Food Bank of Central NY
Partnerships Connect Perishables

1,321,262 pounds of produce

in 2010
Food Bank of Central NY Partnership Achievement

Pounds of produce in 2015:

2,336,353
Perishable Donation Challenges

- Much of the donation stream is highly perishable and/or close coded.
- Matching velocities of instream/outstream
- Providing consistent solutions for the donor
- Achieving distributable market forms
- **END POINT CAPACITY**
A Quality Problem

• Sourcing and availability increasingly out-pace end point capacity

• Top 2 bottlenecks to connecting perishables:
  
  – Hours of access (pantries)

  – Cold storage
Solutions

• “Push” model; more outreach, call/add-ons, utilization trainings and materials
• Affiliate sharing (267,406#, FY 15-16), OR
• Do something different
Pantry Annex Community Trailer

- Enclosed, refrigerated, food safe, low cost, versatile, mobile trailer unit.
- “P.A.C.T.” unit is born:
  - Most large SUV/Pickups could tow
  - 6,000-8,000# payload
  - Can plug into 120v/20amp circuitry (CoolBot)
  - Can be loaded at food bank dock, or receive from delivery truck, or from local farms, or....
Door Choice

“Barn” doors, truck-to-trailer loading

Non-porous, cleanable
Other details...

- Draft curtains
- Work desk
- Hand washing
- Work lights
- Heater
- Walk ramp
“A collaboration between your Community, Food Bank of Central NY, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation”
Potential Increased Distribution

- 3 units (X) 5,000# = 15,000#
- Scheduled 2(X)/Mo. = 30,000#
- (X)12 months = 360,000# per year increase

That's;
- 10 tractor trailers
- 9,000 cases
- Approximately 720 county recycle bins
Garden Bounty
Sharing Ideas

Create a habit for people...
drop off garden excess (just prior to distribution) free to neighborhood day after dist.

Pantry Cart

Ooo! Ooo!
Me! I'll do it!
Pick me!

Pass it on!!
Questions and discussion