### **USING DATA IN PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

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# Community Food Resource Center

### Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

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#### **Community Food Bank Clients (monthly)**





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- Emergency food boxes aim to provide 2-3 days of food each month.
- Programs like WIC and SNAP can supplement, but rarely provide enough for the month.
  How do we fill the gap?





CFRC programs diversify the Community Food Bank's assets and impact.

Increase access to healthy food

Support community capacity building

Conserve local resources

Support economic development

# Access to healthy food

74% of Arizonans do not consume an adequate level of fruits and vegetables

58% of Arizonans are overweight or obese

Proper fruit and vegetable consumption has been connected to better health outcomes.

Source: Centers for Disease Control.



## 83,240 servings of vegetables produced at Marana Farm



24% of CFB farmers' market sales purchased using government benefits

PROSECUTION.

FARMERS' MARKET 2010

& vegetables only.

NOT REDEEMABLE IN GROCERY STORES

NO SE PUEDE USAR EN SUPERMERCADOS

GROWERS: DEPOSIT BY NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Valid for purchase of LOCALLY grown fresh fruits

VENDOR MUST DE WITHIN 60 CALEND

\$3.00

PARTICIPAN

83% of Senior AZFMNP checks redeemed at CFB markets

55% WIC vouchers used at farmers' markets

CFB farmers' markets receive 100% of Pima County farmer's market SNAP sales

### 913 Home Garden Program members

80 garden plots serving 1000 people at Las Milpitas de Cottonwood urban farm

# Conserving local resources

# CFRC programs support the conservation of local resources







### Capacity to produce 970 tons of compost per year for Farm, School and Garden programs



145 tons of landscape and food waste diverted to Marana compost program during 2011



Since 2000, Southwest farmers have suffered from severe water shortages.

# Community Capacity Building











# Manzo Elementary





### Las Milpitas de Cottonwood

# Support Economic Development

#### 95% of food GROWN in AZ is EXPORTED



#### 97% of food CONSUMED in AZ is IMPORTED



## **Economic Development**

#### **A Better System**

- If Southern Arizona residents purchased 15% of their food (\$5 per person/week) directly from local farmers, this would generate \$287 million of new farm income.
- There is real potential for economic recovery in our state related to food, which would have powerful ripple effects on the communities we work with.



# Supporting the growth of small businesses



# In five years, we will...

- Help our community gain \$7 million in SNAP nutrition benefits.
- Grow 450,000 servings of vegetables.
- Produce 5,000 tons of compost, which can provide an additional 200,000 servings of vegetables in our clients' home and school gardens.
- Teach 20,000 people how to grow or cook healthy food.
- □ Train 600 youth apprentice farmers.

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