

#5092 SUSTAINABLE GARDEN: SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT

Tecasy Ranch is a 550-acre forested property on Bolton's Road. They thrive to “support communities, enhance personal well-being and create impactful connections” tecasyranch.ca

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INTRODUCTION

The Tecasy Ranch started their sustainable garden project a few years ago to provide nutrient rich, fresh produce to local organizations.

The produce grown in this garden includes a variety of vegetables like tomatoes, squashes, lettuce, green beans, potatoes, cabbage, and kale. Tecasy Ranch makes no monetary profit from the produce grown and are keen to make sure that little goes to waste.



PURPOSE

To determine how Tecasy Ranch can use the produce from their sustainable garden to provide impactful donations to those facing food insecurity in the community.

OBJECTIVE

To assess the socioeconomic impact of donated food for those accessing food banks and identify new pathways for the distribution of this produce.

METHODOLOGY

Interviewed garden workers at the Tecasy Ranch and volunteers from the YWCA's Peterborough Nourish Program. Questions are based on the experience of the participants with the produce while being grown, transported, and packaged.



FINDINGS

Reoccurring remarks from interviewees regarding the impact that the produce from the Tecasy Ranch’s sustainable garden provides.

- The quality of the produce was consistently great
- Produce is fresh and picked with care
- Found five local organizations that have the capacity to receive perishable donations



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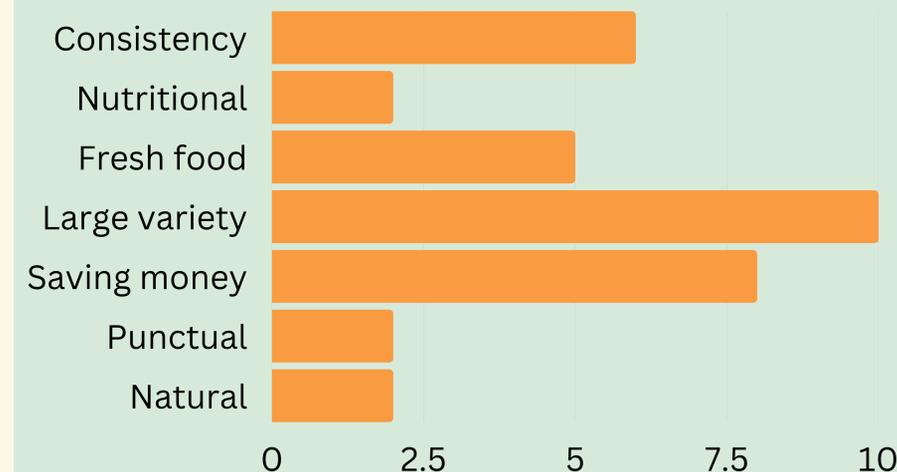
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HIGHLIGHTS

"Everything [Tecasy] brought I thought was excellent" - Food bank employee

Tecasy is...

On Time • Caring • Consistent
Fresh • Nutritional • Learning



CONCLUSION

Food donated from the Tecasy Ranch is appreciated by recipients and there are organizations in the community looking for fresh donations.

