Welcome to Salem Harvest Season 7!
Throughout the winter we have been busy planning the coming harvests and, equally important, laying a solid foundation in personnel and funding, to make this season a great one!

- George Harris of Northwest Farm Credit Services has joined the Salem Harvest Board of Directors. As a crop insurance agent and long-time businessperson in Salem, George brings connections with farms and other businesses in our area. When you see him out harvesting with his family and co-workers, give him a big welcome and thank you!

- Eileen Tilque has stepped into the role of Assistant Harvest Director. As more farms participate in Salem Harvest, the need for site visits, harvest planning and logistics increases as well. Eileen has generously volunteered to help in this capacity and many other ways too. Thank You!

- We now have 24 harvest leaders, a much-needed increase over previous years. All have studied the Harvest Leader Manual and completed a training class. The new leaders will very soon begin to get hands-on experience in the fields accompanying a longtime leader before they are expected to lead a harvest on their own. If you are interested in becoming a harvest leader, it’s never too late! We expect to increase the number of harvests this year and we need a large team to do this well. Please email me (elise@salemharvest.org) or catch me in the fields to discuss it.

- Harvest leaders are only one part of the support needed for a successful harvest. We have 12 people ready to drive MPFS trucks to and from the field. We also need several people to be Harvest Assistants at each farm harvest: that is a fun way to get to know other volunteers and to do an extra bit to help the harvests go smoothly. When you go to the harvest sign-up page, simply click on “Sign up to harvest and to help for a half hour”; the leader will get in touch with you to explain your specific role.

- Fundraising is off to an amazing start: on May 21st we held the very enjoyable Bands & Brews for Trucks, at Vagabond Brewery. Over 200 people and many organizations contributed to the evening’s success; auctions, raffles, direct donations, and a portion of beer receipts yielded $5600! These funds go toward purchase of a Salem Harvest truck, making it possible for us to handle more harvests than in the past. With the added matching funds promised for the evening and a $7,000 grant from the Autzen Foundation, we are now shopping for a truck!

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support our fundraiser, stepped up to get training as a leader or a driver, and have made time to staff new committees to help Salem Harvest expand its reach to more farms and more families!

See you in the fields soon!

Elise Bauman - Executive Director
Fellow Harvesters-

My name is Christy McClaughry and I am coordinating a Salem Harvest Cookbook. It will be different than most cookbooks: instead of soup, meat, and dessert sections, we will have sections for each crop that we harvest, such as strawberries, cherries, and broccoli. We may have a celebrity chef endorsement and perhaps some recipes from well-known chefs, as well as tried-and-true favorites from Salem Harvest members.

You can submit a recipe by emailing them to cookbook@salemharvest.org or send me a paper copy (4792 2nd Ave SE, Salem, 97302). If you like, you can prepare a recipe and send me a picture of it! The deadline for submitting recipes is October 1, 2016, giving us time for formatting and printing. Our goal is to have the book ready to sell for the holiday season to raise funds for Salem Harvest. I welcome help with other tasks on this project too -- if you would like to participate in any way please email me. I can’t wait to see all your recipes!

Salem Harvest Cookbook

Volunteering Beyond Picking

Farm Harvest Leader: arrive early to set up, deploy assistants, keep harvest on track; need training
Backyard Harvest Leader: contact homeowner, do scheduling, picking and donation tasks
Truck Driver: drive trucks to harvest, load produce, drive to MPFS and unload; need training
ATV Driver: drive ATV around the field gathering produce and delivering to truck; need ATV license
Harvest Assistant: parking assistance, check-in, handwashing station, orientation, donation assistance (sign up on harvest signup page)
Funding Committee Member: plan and carry out funding and marketing opportunities
Cookbook Committee Member: help to compile and publish recipes for produce we harvest (contact Christy)
Media Team Member: publicize Salem Harvest through print & social media and community events
Newsletter Committee Member: share information about past and future Salem Harvest activities

Sound Awesome and want to volunteer? Please contact elise@salemharvest.org

Get Ready to HARVEST!

Potential 2016 Harvest Guide

This graph represents what we harvested on farms last year and when we harvested.

I expect this year’s timing to be similar to 2015; however, due to temperature and weather, harvest dates can vary by up to two weeks.
OUR MISSION

To feed the hungry by harvesting food that would go to waste.

Salem Harvest connects farmers and backyard growers with volunteers who harvest produce that would be wasted. More than half of each harvest is donated to Marion-Polk Food Share or its affiliated food pantries. Since 2010, Salem Harvest has harvested and donated over 850,000 pounds of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables from more than 660 harvests.