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IDOC Offenders Donates Nearly 30k Pounds of Produce to Non-Profits Across the State of Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 15, 2015) – The final count is in for the 2015 Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) statewide harvest and this year's results tip the scale with 27,725 pounds of produce.

Hundreds of offenders from fifteen IDOC facilities across Indiana volunteer to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. Many of these offenders are also learning skills to assist in post-release employment by participating in the Horticulture vocational program offered by the Department's Education Division.

Among the participating facilities, Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) in Pendleton, IN secured the top spot with a total yield of 6,057 lbs of much needed fruits and vegetables, while Wabash Valley in Carlisle, IN edged out southern Indiana's Madison Correctional Facility 4,705 to 4,008 lbs.

All produce grown by IDOC is donated to local food pantries such as the Dismas House in South Bend, Park Place Church of God in Anderson and the Emmaus Mission Homeless Shelter in Logansport.

According to the Spotlight on Poverty website, Indiana has a 22% poverty rate for children, 17% for women, and 41% for single parent families with related children.

"I'm proud of the Superintendents, staff and offenders of participating facilities for working to assure that our rehabilitative programs for offenders provide healthy dividends for some of our most vulnerable Hoosier families."

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