Spring/Summer 2022

University of California, Davis

# Fresh Focus Quarterly Report





## What is Fresh Focus?

Fresh Focus is a program based on the 23-acre Student Farm at University of California, Davis. The UC Davis Student Farm provides a space where students can learn, practice, and model an ecologically, socially, and economically, sustainable agriculture and food system. The Student Farm welcomes all students to build a more equitable and just farm and food system by cultivating student initiative, leadership, and experiential learning. In 2014, two Student Farmers created the Fresh Focus program to glean surplus produce from the student farm to donate to the ASUCD student-run food pantry. This initiative expanded into the Fresh Focus program. The goal of Fresh Focus is to reduce food loss while supporting student access to fresh produce.



### A Special Thank You

to our funders, Aggie Compass and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences!

## Spring/Summer Highlights:



- Distributed 9, 243 pounds of fresh produce
  - This is equivalent to
     7,703 meals for the UC
     Davis community
- Supported 11 partnerships
- Sent out 374 bins of produce to partners

# Meet our Team!

#### 5 Supportive Staff:

- Katharina Ullmann, Student Farm Director
- Emma Torbert, Market Garden Manager
- Julia Schreiber, Ecological Garden Manager
- Laura Roser, SCOPE Manager
- Ken Earl, Market Garden Farmer
- Jim Muck, Field Operations Manager

#### Spring:

- 3 Lead Student Farmers
  - Jiana Choi, Production Lead
  - Nicole Curiel, External Partner Coordinator
  - Laia Menendez Diaz, Intern Coordinator
- 7 Incredible Interns
  - Lily Cuyler
  - Adriana Galarza
  - Reesa Costuna
  - Gabrielle Adria Palomo
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  - Nan Dar Aye
  - Samantha Baker



#### Summer Sessions:

- 5 Lead Student Farmers
  - Laia Menendez Diaz, Intern Coordinator
  - Adriana Galarza, External Partner Coordinator
  - Wendy Martinez, Internal Partner Coordinator
  - Jiana Choi
  - Zoee Turner, Data and Communications Coordinator
- 5 Incredible Interns
  - Cathleen Nguyen
  - Michelle Chavez Peralta
  - Mingxue Jiang
  - Samantha Covarrubias
  - Lydia Yuchen Gu

### A Quote from Adriana, Spring intern & Summer Lead Student Farmer

"Working with Fresh Focus during the summer is extra special because we get to see our reach extend beyond the UC Davis community into the larger Davis/Yolo County community. We got to donate to several off campus partners, as well as Knight's Landing, a census-designated community north of Davis. One of my highlights this summer was co-leading a tour for the Yolo Food Bank and fostering an important conversation around food justice in Yolo County. This tour opened up opportunities that have so far led to a joint volunteer day between the farm and Yolo Food Bank that redirected potential on-farm food loss to their distribution sites!"



# At a Glance



## Spring

- Supported 9 partnerships
  - Partners included ASUCD Pantry, Center for Educational Opportunity Program, Fruit and Veggie Up!, Native American Academic Student Success Center, AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, LGBTQIA+ Student Center, The Freedge, and Solano Park
- Distributed 3121 pounds of fresh produce
  - We sent out 178 bins of produce to our partners
  - The amount of produce we sent out is equivalent to 2,601 meals for our UC Davis community

## We donated over 65 varieties of fruits and vegetables- check them out!

## Summer Session 1 (6/21- 7/29)

- Supported 5 partnerships
  - Partners included ASUCD Pantry, Night Market, Fruit and Veggie Up!, Solano Park, and Knight's Landing
- Distributed 3127 pounds of fresh produce
  - We sent out 97 bins of produce to our partners
  - The amount of produce we sent out is equivalent to 2,606 meals for our UC Davis community

## We donated over 57 varieties of fruits and vegetables in summer!

peppers-sweet pe Check out all the produce varieties we harvested in summer!



## Summer Session 2 (8/1-9/9)

- Supported 5 partnerships
   Partners included ASUCD Pantry, Night Market, Fruit
- and Veggie Up!, Solano Park, and Knight's Landing
  Distributed 2995 pounds of fresh produce
- We sent out 99 bins of produce to our partners
  - The amount of produce we sent out is equivalent to 2,496 meals for our UC Davis community