

KNOX CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our sustainability and resiliency efforts strive to:

- * **increase awareness and participation** in caring for ourselves, others, and the environment;
- * **nurture biodiversity,**
- * improve our **share economy** on campus,
- * **reduce waste and treat it as a resource** by supporting composting and recycling efforts
- * help students utilize the **campus as a living lab.**

This annual report summarizes and highlights some of our campus sustainability initiatives during 2023.



Knox Farm

Managed and staffed primarily by student workers and volunteers, our campus farm continues to provide the Knox community with quality, fresh produce grown following regenerative agricultural methods and nurturing the soil food web

2353 lbs

Fresh produce grown and harvested by Knox farm crew and volunteers

1633 lbs

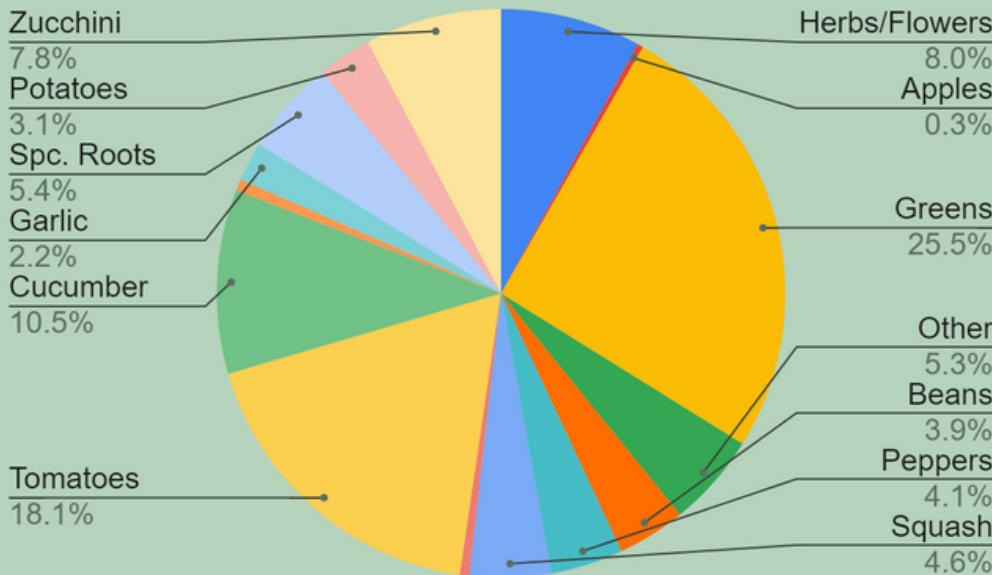
Produce harvested & delivered to Bon Appétit for Hard Knox



719 lbs

Produce shared with Knox community

Percent by Weight (lbs) of Produce Grown



118

Varieties of edible and medicinal plants grown



Curricular and Community Engagement at the Knox Farm

Bee Hive Installation and Research Project



Three Farm-to-Fork Potlucks



Offering herbal education for local Girls Farm Camp



250 hours of volunteer service at farm and over 50 Volunteer Sessions in 2023

Art Installation and Community Mural as part of Asset Research

6 Research Projects , 15 Workshops and Special Events, including tours and plant and food giveaways

Campus Commitment to Sustainability, Waste Reduction, and Biodiversity

More than **26,290 pounds of organic material** was diverted and industrially composted.



Three **Community Scale Composting** Workshops and over 30 participants diverting **105.4 gallons** of food scraps.

Over 20,000 lbs recycled materials diverted from the landfill during 8 week National **Campus Race to Zero Waste Campaign**



94% of 2023 graduating seniors signed **Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility**



Arbor Day **Herbal Fruit Tree Guild** Implementation, **planted** three new species



Share Economy and Reusables

Share Shop

- more than **220** volunteer hours served at the Share Shop



End-of-Year Move Out

- **Over 8000 pounds** of material diverted from landfill and donated to the Share Shop

Bike Shop

- approximately **30** bikes lent out each term and students enjoy Basic **Bike Repairs Workshop**



Clam Shells & Reuse Kits

Over **300** reusable takeout containers given to new students
Reuse kits available for club and organizations to host Zero Waste events

Food Recovery Network

- **1496** lbs food recovered and shared in Galesburg community shelters in 2023 with **200** volunteer hours served with FRN

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