

State Prison donates 309 pounds of veggies to local organizations



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Some of the 309 pounds of vegetables grown at the Indiana State Prison's football field-sized garden are shown.

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MICHIGAN CITY — Offenders housed at the Indiana State Prison recently donated 309 pounds of vegetables to the Salvation Army, Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families and Stepping Stone Shelter for Women.

This is a worthwhile program for the offenders involved in the project, according to a State Prison news release, and is an opportunity to give back to the local community. There are currently six offenders working in the gardens.

The garden is approximately the size of a football field, and is broken up into six separate plots, one for each gardener.

The seeds and plants were purchased from a local garden center. Each gardener picks what he wants to plant within certain guidelines.

This year, some of the vegetables they planted were collard greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, squash, okra and mixed herbs.

When the vegetables are ready, they are sold to the offender population. The money that is collected is used to purchase seeds and plants for the following year and some of it is donated to local organizations.